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VIGOROUS MEASURES IN CANTON.

ARMoured CARS IN "RED" PLOT SUPPRESSION.

NEW YEAR FEARS.

There was more than mere rumour in the suggestion that the "Reds" in Canton were engineering another attempt to bring off a coup in Canton during the New Year celebrations. It is now disclosed. At the request of the Police Chief, martial law was enforced throughout the city on Sunday night, and numerous raids were carried out under the direction of Mr. Tang Yin-wah.

Arms and ammunition were found in several places, and forty-four suspected Communists were among those arrested in the course of the night. All were executed out of hand. The strong measures taken ensured peace, and the New Year passed off without other untoward incident.

No stone was left unturned in the police efforts to combat the plot. Fully armed, police in parties ten to twenty strong patrolled the streets, and on the night when the attack was contemplated rigorous searches of every pedestrian were carried out. Throughout the night of Sunday, the police raided various centres believed to be harbouring Communists. Mr. Tang Yin-wah being constantly on duty in one of the armoured cars commissioned for service in the event of an outbreak.

Many Arrests.

As a result of the raids and searches, a large number of Communist suspects were taken into custody, and a large quantity of seditious literature was found. By far the most successful and incidentally the biggest raid was carried out at the Lung An Tung suburb. It is reported that a large detachment of more than 100 Canton Government troops were carried to the scene to join the police, forming a cordon while the police did the work.

A number of houses in this part of Canton were surprised by the raid and in the course of the search by the police, "Red" badges and Communist literature were found in large quantities. The police arrested no fewer than 40 suspects, while in addition ammunition of a quantity not yet disclosed was discovered.

This startling, if expected discovery at the Lung An Tung villages was sufficient to thoroughly convince the authorities that the information received that Communist elements were still active inside the city and had decided to organise a second "Red" coup on Chinese New Year Eve, was not altogether false.

Martial Law.

Martial law was not put into force until the raids at the Lung An Tung had been effected, but after midnight on Sunday it was imposed all over the city. Later, Mr. Tang Yin-wah, the Chief of Police, gave the order to all men not on duty to return to the Public Safety Bureau, the headquarters of the Police Force, and in response to the call, over a thousand men congregated at headquarters shortly after midnight, ready for any emergency.

Almost equally active were Chinese gunboats which had been recalled to Canton waters. By New Year's Eve the whole flotilla had returned to Canton at the request of the Government. The Admiral was on board the Kong-tai, which led the flotilla in its scouring of Canton waters.

The forty suspects who were arrested in the raids in the Lung An Tung villages were shot by order of the police on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

The police also raided other places on New Year's Eve, including the premises of the Chinese newspapers, Kuo Min Shi Wen, and the 72 Guilds Journal.

At the latter place, four suspects, together with a large quantity of seditious printed matter, were discovered. The four "Reds" were executed late on the same evening, without more ado.

FORD AEROPLANE APPEARS.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF NEW VENTURE.

ON NON-STOP FLIGHT.

New York, Jan. 24.

The Ford "jittney" aeroplane, long promised, made its first public appearance to-day.

The plane has a wing-spread of less than twenty feet, and has a petrol capacity of 48 gallons stored in tanks on the wings.

The machine is driven by a tiny two-cylinder motor, and resembles in many ways the small fighting planes used by the French during the late war.

One of the Ford aeroplanes, piloted by Harry Brooks, who was heavily clad, as the cabin is not enclosed and affords no protection from the weather, left New York for Miami on a non-stop flight to demonstrate the machine's capabilities. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Later.

The Ford light aeroplane was forced to descend at Asheville, North Carolina, owing to the formation of ice on the wings. —*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH UNEMPLOYED FEWER.

BEST FIGURES FOR SEVEN YEARS.

London, Jan. 24.

A further reduction by over 38,000 in the number of persons unemployed is recorded by the Ministry of Labour for the week ended January 16.

The number of men, women and boys unemployed was 1,193,000, which is the lowest recorded for the corresponding date of any year since 1920.

The Industrial Transference Board which was recently appointed to consider the question of finding work in other parts of the country and the Dominions for unemployed workers, particularly the miners, in areas where unemployment is acute, are making a thorough preliminary survey before visits are paid to these areas. —*British Wireless.*

BANKS AND COTTON INDUSTRY.

INTERVENTION AGAINST ALL TRADITIONS.

London, Jan. 24.

Presiding at the annual meeting of Martin's Bank, Liverpool, Mr. Holland Martin declared that the suggestion put forward that the banks should come to the assistance of the Lancashire cotton industry and more or less take over control, by investing in debentures and shares, was impracticable.

The suggestion was entirely against the traditions of English banking. The banks, he assured the shareholders, were still prepared to make such advances as they deemed safe, but the reorganisation of the industry must come from within. —*Reuter.*

AIR FACTORY FOR CANADA.

DE HAVILLAND COMPANY'S ENTERPRISE.

London, Jan. 24.

The De Havilland Aircraft Company, Limited, intend, it is officially stated, to establish a factory at the Leaside Aerodrome, Toronto, primarily to provide a service station for the many Moth light aeroplanes that are being supplied to Canada.

The business manager of the De Havilland Company who recently visited Canada, believes that the quick development of aviation in Canada will depend on cheap and light aeroplanes. —*British Wireless.*

WAR PREDICTIONS ABSURD.

LOOSE TALK IN U. S. DEPLORED.

MR. COOLIDGE'S ADVICE TO OFFICIALS.

Washington, Jan. 24.

It is announced from the White House that President Coolidge, sees no reason why the newspapers of the United States, or any other country, should take seriously the statements of American Naval officers, predicting a war between the United States and its commercial competitors.

Later.

The Presidential statement was evoked by the declaration of Rear Admiral Plunkett, that alarming charges were often made when appropriations were sought from Congress.

President Coolidge is of the opinion that it will be difficult to curb speakers, for fear of raising the cry of violation of free speech, but he recommended that those charged with the nation's defence should follow a policy considering the welfare of the country, in public statements. —*Reuter's American Service.*

"Greatest Service to Cause of Peace."

New York, Jan. 24.

The newspapers make light of the remarks on the subject of war attributed to Admiral Plunkett, the Navy Yard commandant.

The *New York World*, in an editorial strongly endorses Senator Borah's condemnation of the naval jingoism as "his greatest service to the cause of peace." Nothing is more certain than that Mr. Borah speaks the real mind of the American on this subject. Super-navy enthusiasts would lead us into a bitter feud with Great Britain but they won't get away with it.

The *Herald Tribune* says that Admiral Plunkett is more at home on the quarterdeck than in an arm-chair or anything else. —*Reuter's American Service.*

DOUBLY LUCKY DEFENDANT.

END OF LETTER-THEFT CASE.

The Chinese charged with rifling a private letter-box in the staircase of a house at West Point and subsequently arraigned on a new charge of obtaining money by false pretences in connexion with registered postal matter, again appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Detective Sergeant Whant informed his Worship that the original complainant could not be found, in spite of enquiries carried out since the last remand.

His Worship expressed his belief that defendant was "a big scoundrel," who could consider himself extremely lucky in two ways. These were, firstly, that there was not sufficient evidence to convict him on the original charge of stealing letters, and, secondly, that he was discharged on this second charge of obtaining money owing to the non-appearance of the complainant. Defendant was discharged.

OBSERVATORY PREDICTS FAIR WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that an anticyclone is shown over South Manchuria. There may be a depression over South China. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is: North-east winds, moderate; fair.

HONGKONG BADLY BEATEN.

SHANGHAI'S BIG FOOTBALL VICTORY.

STONEWALL DEFENCE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 24.

The Interport "soccer" match between Shanghai and Hongkong was played yesterday on a very heavy ground, the result being a win for Shanghai by seven goals to nil.

Shanghai won so overwhelmingly largely because of their brilliant half-back line and stonewall defence.

Hongkong was ably served by Clarke, the goalie, but the forwards lacked team-work.

Shanghai's combination proved irresistible, despite the heavy ground, following the recent rainfall.

Collaco and Goldman scored in the first half.

Shanghai, continuing a vigorous offensive, registered four goals in rapid succession after the interval, these being scored by Lee Wai-tung, Collaco, Gee and Favacho.

Following repeated efforts to score into an empty goal, thirty minutes after the restart Goldman ran through in characteristic style and scored the seventh and last goal.

The Pioneer Field stands were packed with spectators.

Hongkong were completely outclassed in the second half of the game, their morale thereby suffering a disastrous reaction.

McNiven Injured.

Shanghai, Jan. 24.

In the interport soccer contest Shanghai overwhelmed Hongkong by seven goals to nil.

Despite the overcast, threatening weather the spectators numbered some 10,000. Considering the state of the ground which was sodden, the game was fought at a remarkably fast pace.

Clarke, the Hongkong goalie, was the most outstanding player. He was frequently applauded but had no chance with any of the seven goals scored. Hongkong's forwards were weak. McNiven worked hard but was unsupported.

The backs did their best but Shanghai's attack was too strong, while their defence was impenetrable.

The first goal was scored after a quarter of an hour and the second three minutes after the interval.

A quarter of an hour after the resumption McNiven was carried off with a damaged head as a result of a collision with the Shanghai back, but later returned with his head bandaged. —*Reuter.*

Chinese Interport.

In the Chinese Interport soccer match, played at Shanghai on Monday the Southern team (Tigers) was beaten by the Eastern Chinese by four goals to two. Lee Wai-tung did the hat-trick for the winners.

DUMPED OVER SIDE.

AVOIDING SEIZURE BY THE POLICE.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. G. F. Hole, Wong Kin Shing, the master of a fishing boat, was charged with letting fall, or throwing over the side, certain materials forming part of a ship's cargo, to avoid seizure, in Shaikwan Bay on January 23.

The accused failed to appear in answer to the charge, and Police bail of \$50 was estreated.

KING OF AFGHANISTAN AT NICE.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT PAYS A VISIT.

London, Jan. 24.

During their brief stay at Nice, the King and Queen of Afghanistan to-day received the Duke of Connaught, who is staying at Cap Ferat.

Owing to ill health, the Duke will be unable to return to London in March, when King Amanullah and his Queen pay a visit to England. —*British Wireless.*

WORLD'S DOLLAR STANDARD.

EFFECT OF U.S. GOLD RESERVES.

DOLLAR VALUE DETERMINES GOLD PRICES.

EXPERT'S OPINION.

London, Jan. 24.

"The world to-day is on a dollar standard," declared the Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, Chairman, presiding at the annual meeting of the Midland Bank held in London to-day.

America was able to control the world price level, he said, because her gold stocks were so great that she could afford to lose large quantities without any risk of her gold reserve falling below the legal minimum.

The central banking system of the United States was so constituted that, given her great wealth, she could absorb large quantities of gold and at the same time deprive it of its credit-creating powers.

The development of the central bank policy of the United States had shown that while gold might be retained as the medium for making international payments, it could be easily deprived of its function as the ultimate standard of value.

Dollar Controls Gold.

The American price level could not be affected by gold movements, but it was controlled by the policy of the reserve banks in expanding or contracting credit. Consequently, it was not the value of gold in America which determined the value of the dollar, but the value of the dollar determined the value of gold.

Although gold, he concluded, was still the nominal basis of most currencies, the real determinant of the movements of the world level of prices was the purchasing power of the U. S. dollar. —*Reuter.*

Capital and Labour.

London, Jan. 24.

McReginald McKenna, the Chairman of the Midland Bank, at the general meeting of shareholders said that the hope expressed a year ago that 1927 would witness the dawn of a new era in industrial relationships, and an upward trend in prosperity had been fulfilled.

There had, he said, undoubtedly been a great improvement in the relations between capital and labour, and further a gradual but steady recovery of trade following the grave difficulties through which the country passed in 1926. He did not, however, suggest there was cause for unbounded optimism. The problems yet before the country were numerous and complicated, but the background was much brighter than it was a year ago. —*British Wireless.*

NEW C.P.R. LINER.

MR. BALDWIN'S TRIBUTE TO COMPANY.

London, Jan. 24.

The new Canadian Pacific steamer, the s.s. Duchess of Bedford which will be commissioned for service between Liverpool and St. Lawrence, was launched to-day by Mrs. Stanley Baldwin.

The Prime Minister was among those present, and at the subsequent luncheon he referred to the immense part played by the Canadian Pacific Railway in the development of Canada. To it they owed the union and relation of Canada from east to west. —*British Wireless.*

NEW CRUISER FOR EAST.

CUMBERLAND LEAVING FOR HONGKONG.

London, Jan. 24.

The new British cruiser, H.M.S. Cumberland, the first of the County Class, will leave Sheerness on Thursday to join the cruiser squadron on the China Station. —*British Wireless.*

MOVE FOR PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

T. U. C. APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO CONFERENCE.

EMPLOYERS' PARLEY.

London, Jan. 24.

After a lengthy sitting, the General Council of the Trade Union Congress officially stated that it had decided to continue the discussions with the employers and had authorised a committee, including Mr. Ben Turner, Mr. J. H. Thomas and Mr. Will Thorne, to confer with the employers.

The committee, it is understood, was, by a substantial majority, in favour of continuing the discussions.

Mr. A. J. Cook, claimed that six members of the Council were opposed to the continuance of discussions without a mandate from the Unions. —*Reuter.*

Purposes of Conference.

An epoch-making conference between a representative group of employers and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, with the object of promoting industrial peace, opened at Burlington House on January 12th.

Sir Alfred Mond explained that the employers were present in their individual capacity and that the conference was to consider general lines of policy. He reviewed the "problems" to be examined, including the better organisation of industry by means of amalgamations, the introduction of new methods, the transference or pensioning of displaced workers, the improvement of the security and status of the worker who should be given an interest in the business. He added that they could not expect to create heaven on earth, but if they could give Britain freedom from industrial disputes they would place the country, which had always been a leader in these matters, in the forefront.

Labour's Co-Operation.

Mr. Ben Turner emphasised the importance of finding a just and lasting solution of industrial problems and of putting the country on the highway of prosperity.

Sir Alfred Mond announced that the employers had appointed a Committee of seven, with himself as Chairman, to facilitate the work, and Mr. Turner then intimated that the T. U. C. would appoint a similar Committee.

It was agreed that Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Ben Turner should preside at the meetings alternately.

SALE OF U.S. NAVAL OIL.

MR. WILBUR APPOINTS ENQUIRY COMMISSION.

Washington, Jan. 24.

In consequence of a report by the Naval Oil Inspector that the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company is selling oil from the naval reserve, California, to the Royal Dutch-Shell interests, Mr. Curtis Wilbur has appointed a Commission to investigate and to make recommendations with a view to preventing the disposal of oil from United States naval reserves to foreign companies. —*Reuter's American Service.*

INDIAN RAILWAY STRIKE.

SETTLEMENT REACHED AFTER TWO DAYS.

Calcutta, Jan. 24.

The strike of ten thousand employees of the East Indian Railway workers has ended.

The settlement was reached this morning on the understanding that no pay would be stopped for the two days during which the men were on strike, and that there would be no victimisation. —*Reuter.*

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OFFICIAL GERMAN DENIAL.

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NAVAL DEPARTMENT GIVES ASSURANCE.

PRAGA SENSATION.

Quite a flutter has been caused in political dove-cotes by the recent revelations of extensive arms shipments to Marshal Chang Tso-lin and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

Allegations are being made in Germany that the Naval Department is connected with the huge seizure made at Kiel recently, a suggestion which has been categorically denied.

Further interest is attached to the history of the shipment of 90,000 rifles carried by the s.s. Praga, by the information that while the vessel was in Manila, a Russian acting on behalf of the Nationalists endeavoured to bribe the ship's crew to deliver the arms to Canton instead of to North China.

Rumours Formally Denied.

Berlin, Jan. 24.

Replying to a question before the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Naval Department had assured the Foreign Office that neither it, nor any of its officials, had had anything to do with the shipments of arms and ammunition to China.

The Foreign Office, he added, had accepted this as a formal denial of the rumours which had been put into circulation.

The *Localanzeiger* publishes a telegram from Hongkong stating that the Nanking Government has ordered all branches of two German firms alleged to be concerned in the dealings, be closed, and their managers arrested on charges of rebellion.

The firms are accused of supplying to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, weapons shipped in the Norwegian steamer "Skule." —*Reuter.*

Nanking Memorandum.

The statement said to emanate from Hongkong must refer to the Memorandum issued on Friday last by the Nationalist Minister for Foreign Affairs, in which he urged the Military Council to attempt to detain the s.s. Skule, to immediately seal the offices in Nationalist territory of the offending German firms, to arrest all foreigners and Chinese found to be concerned with the illicit arms traffic, and that the German and Norwegian Consuls be communicated with, suggesting that they warn their nationals against any further violations of the law.

Newspaper Raises Scandal.

London, Jan. 24.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Berlin Correspondent says that if the *Berliner Tageblatt* is correctly informed Herr Groener will have to explain to the Reichstag an even more delicate scandal than the Phœbia film affair, in which his department was involved. The *Berliner Tageblatt* alleges that a lieutenant, an active army high official, the Naval Transport Department and the War Ministry are concerned in a "curious transaction" — the shipment of seventeen wagon loads of munitions which the Kiel police stopped when they were about to be shipped to a destination declared to be Oslo, but suspected to be China.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* speaks derisively of hints that the Kiel munitions affair should be hushed up in the interests of national defence. It says, "It is not a question of interests of national defence but was a piece of business wherein much money was to be made, and the question that must be cleared up is to what purposes this money was to be applied." After stating that the War Department knew nothing whatever about this consignment of munitions, the *Berliner Tageblatt* assumes that Herr Groener will put an end to such dealings once and for all. —*Reuter.*

The Manila Police are searching the city for a tall, slender light-skinned man. (Continued on Page 4.)

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B.A.T. STRIKE.

THE END OF A FOUR MONTHS STRUGGLE.

The strike of 4,000 women, 3,000 men and 2,000 juvenile workers of the British-American Tobacco Company, which started on September 30 of last year, has finally been settled after protracted negotiations. Beginning with the strike of 300 juvenile workers of the Footing No. 1 factory, the settlement of which proved abortive, the situation developed until the workers of all three factories of the Company were involved and a complete cessation of work was effected on October 18. After many attempts at mediation from various quarters, and when the strike had been in progress for about three and a half months, Mr. T. V. Soong, Nationalist Minister of Finance, finally succeeded in calling a round table conference, which was held at his residence. Representatives of the Company and labourers, after much discussion, came to an agreement over the major points at issue, and at a dinner given at the Finance Minister's residence, 332 Route Velleo, on Monday of last week, a formal agreement was signed, a translation of which follows:—

Recognition Granted.

Art. 1.—The Company will recognize the organization of an Association by the labourers under their employ and receive it at all times as representative of the labour body and for the promotion of the labourers' interests.

Art. 2.—The Company will not discharge any labourer from service without adequate reasons for so doing. When any labourer is to be discharged, it must be done according to existing regulations of the factories.

Art. 3.—The Company will support the schools which they originally established for the benefit of the labourers and bear its expenses. There should be a definite name for the school (It will be known as School for the Children of B. A. T. Labourers.)

Art. 4.—The Company will give rice allowances to the labourers when the rice price is quoted in the market over \$3 (silver currency). (The original regulation of the Company provides for a rice allowance of 20 cents when the price is over \$3 a picul). Rice allowance will be given in full despite holidays or authorized leave of absence. Labourers absent from work without permission of the Company shall not receive any rice allowance.

Art. 5.—The Company will give woman labourers six weeks' leave of absence before and after childbirth and an allowance of \$30 only but no wage shall be paid during the leave of absence.

Allowances Settled.

Art. 6.—In case of sickness, the labourers will be given treatment by a hospital to be appointed by the Company and, in addition to the payment of regular wages, the Company will bear the medical expenses for the labourers.

Art. 7.—In case of any accidental death of a labourer or labourers on service, the Company will pay a post mortem allowance of \$1,500 (silver currency) to the labourer's family.

Art. 8.—In case of any labourer being permanently disabled at the Company's factory and unable to continue work, the Company will pay a retiring allowance of \$1,500 (silver currency).

Art. 9.—The 1927 year end bonus will be paid in full at the end of the old Chinese year on a twelve-month basis (that is, no deductions will be made for the period of strike).

Art. 10.—Anything not mentioned in this agreement will be dealt with according to original regulations of the Company.

Art. 11.—This agreement will be observed by both parties signatory herewith until a formal announcement of an official Labour Law is made by the Chinese Nationalist Government which will then be observed.

Art. 12.—This agreement comes into effect on the date specified above (January 16, 1928) when signed by representatives of the Company and the Labourers.

COUNCIL SUED.

CABARET LICENSEE'S CLAIM FOR \$30,000.

In the Court of Consuls, composed of Mr. E. S. Cunningham (Senior Consul) presiding, Sir Sidney Barton, and Major J. L. Isler, S. H. Levy, owner of the La Gaito Cafe, brought suit against the Shanghai Municipal Council for \$30,000, and in his petition asked for an injunction restraining the S. M. C. from cutting off his electric light and from continuing the hindrance caused by a barbed wire fence, which they had built on Brannan Road in front of his premises. The Council since the petition was filed have removed the wire and restored the electricity.

Mr. K. E. Newman and Mr. R. d'Auxion de Ruffe appeared for plaintiff and Messrs. G. H. Wright and J. E. Bodeley represented the Municipal Council.

According to plaintiff's petition, the Municipal Council ordered a barbed wire fence to be erected on August 25, 1927, which extended a considerable distance to either side of plaintiff's front gate and prevented the free and unhindered use of his premises; also that on August 20, the S. M. C. shut off his supply of electric current. His business was damaged, he contended, to the amount of \$30,000.

In defendant's answer, filed on November 24, it is alleged that plaintiff violated his licence conditions, by remaining open after 2 a.m., when he should have closed—and closing at 6 a.m., and that there was drunkenness and disorder on the premises and that clients entering or leaving the premises caused a nuisance. The Council maintained their right to protect the rights of soldiers quartered in Jessfield Park and other residents of the vicinity.

Defendant's Functions.

Plaintiff's reply (January 13, 1928) stated that placing the barbed wire had been an unlawful act and a trespass against plaintiff's rights had been committed. The S. M. C. could have prosecuted Levy in the French Consular Court—they were not a semi-judicial body, possessed with punitive rights; further that the S. M. C. had no right to cut off the electric supply, excepting under a breach of that special contract.

In the rejoinder defendants denied that they had exerted semi-judicial functions or were possessed of punitive powers, and denied that they refused to abide by the decisions of the competent Consular Court. In public interest it was necessary that this nuisance should have been stopped at once.

Mr. Newman in his opening remarks said that the principle was one of the most important which a Court ever had to decide upon, one which he insisted, concerned the legality of the S. M. C., as an administrative body, usurping judicial powers. He pointed out that in early Shanghai, the Committee of Roads and Jetties (predecessors to the S. M. C.) maintained the right to inflict penalties. This was opposed by H. M. Consul, in particular, and other consuls as well. He then cited Article 23 of the Land Regulations, and pointed out that foreigners obtained their protection through this, which conferred extraterritorial rights.

Counsel intimated that opposing counsel would attempt to emphasize the shortcomings of his client, but that should not affect their judgment as to the powers of the S. M. C. His client was attempting to obtain redress arising from the misconduct of Council employees. Mr. Levy might have the blackest character in Shanghai, but that should not affect the attitude of the Council, who had not used the proper channels to obtain redress.

Plaintiff's Admissions.

Mr. Newman was willing to admit that his client had kept open after 2 a.m. but was not ready to state that he had caused a nuisance—but if even if he had, that would not alter the conditions of the suit. They had not had the opportunity of meeting this challenge in a proper court.

As a French protegee, he could have been brought before the

PEKING CONFERENCE.

MILITARY LEADERS CALL ON CHANG TSO-LIN.

Peking, Jan. 24.
All the northern military leaders who have arrived in Peking called on Chang Tso-lin this morning to offer their new year congratulations.

Chang Tso-lin is feasting them to-night after which the conference between the militarymen and the members of the Cabinet will begin at the Chuyentang building, Winter Palace, where the extraterritorial conferences were held.—Reuter.

MEXICO'S DEBTS.

ANNOUNCES INABILITY TO PAY FOR PRESENT.

New York, Jan. 24.
The Mexican financial agent has announced that the Mexican Government has informed the International Bankers' Committee that it is unable to resume on January 1, the full service of the sinking fund on the entire direct debt and has invited the committee to appoint experts to visit Mexico City to examine the situation and to furnish within the Government's capacity a basis for annual payments of interest and amortisation on the external debt.—Reuter's American Service.

French Consular Court to answer charges of having caused a nuisance, and the French law on this point, counsel went on to say, is stricter than either British or American.

"We will admit for the purpose of this action," Mr. Newman went on to say, "that we are the biggest blackguards on the earth, but that is not the point at all." Counsel then said that the S. M. C. had brought an action against Mr. Levy in the French Consular Court for operating without a licence, the return date being 10 days later, August 27. Mr. Wright, interrupting, informed the Court that the charge referred to a breach of licence conditions.

Without awaiting the trial, the Council shut off the lights on August 20, and built the barbed wire fence on August 26, extending 200 yards to either side of the premises, prolonging the line to 400 yards on the following day, when it became known that patrons had crossed the fields to get into the Cafe. On the return day, the day following the erection of the barbed wire, counsel inferred that it appeared as though the French Consular Court showed their disapproval of the S. M. C. actions by adjourning the hearing sine die.

"Intolerable Persecution."

The wires were up 72 days, power was shut off for 105 days—as a result his client was ruined, because of certain commitments. During this period the S. M. C. had a perfectly and competent remedy, they could have applied to the French Court and obtained a "nuisance" injunction within two hours. Counsel would say that they had had a "stringent" remedy; instead they erected barbed wire.

Counsel attributed his client's losses to "intolerable persecution." In reply to Mr. Newman, plaintiff said that he was ruined because of the action taken by the Council. His profits during the summer of 1926 amounted to \$14,000. He had hoped during 1927 to make even more than that. His receipts between August 1 and August 24 were \$6,756. His commitments, which he could not meet, amounted to about \$13,000. His creditors removed remaining stocks, etc. He reopened business on December 3, the day following restoration of lights. In January he informed the Revenue Department that he would not renew his licence, as he had no money. He pawned his type-writer and electric fans, and sold old bottles to obtain funds.

Evidence having been given on both sides, judgment was reserved.

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Skeletons of the school of 120 whales which stranded in Dornoch Firth recently, being treated at South Kensington for preservation. These whales have been identified as Pseudorca or Falsekillers, a species hitherto believed to be extinct. (Times copyright).



Members of the Lithuanian delegation to the Council of the League of Nations, which recently settled the dispute between Poland and Lithuania. M. Valdemaras, the Lithuanian Prime Minister, is seen on left. (Times copyright).



Marshal Pilsudski (centre) the Polish Prime Minister, with M. Briand, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs (left), and Sir Austen Chamberlain at Geneva. (Times copyright).



Group photo of the athletic team of the 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, which won the North China Command Athletic Championship. The team were 1st or 2nd in every event except the Relay Race and Tug of War.



M. de Beaumarchais, who was recently appointed French Ambassador to Italy. He succeeds M. Rone Benard.



The four officers of the U.S. submarine S-4 who went to the bottom when she collided with the destroyer Paulding off Provincetown, Mass., are pictured above. They are: upper left, Lieut. Com. Roy E. Jones of Halethorpe, Md., in command; right, Lieutenant Graham N. Fitch, Washington, D. C.; lower left, Lieutenant Donald Weller, Los Angeles; Lieutenant Joseph A. McGinley, Norristown, Pa., who was to have been relieved from the submarine service, on Jan. 2nd.



Miss Alicia Calles, daughter of the President of Mexico, photographed as she visited the White House. She failed to see President Coolidge it being explained that the President was busy in a conference and that, besides, Miss Calles' friends had overlooked a rule requiring that a call such as hers be arranged through diplomatic channels.



Miss Betty Nuthall, Britain's youngest tennis player in the first rank has accepted a cinema contract it is stated. The picture above shows Miss Nuthall making ready for the cinema photographers.



A wild cat caught in Inverness-shire which has been presented to the London Zoological Gardens, by the Duke of Westminster. The species which is very rare in Great Britain, is distinguished by its peculiar tail. (Times copyright).



A snap of the Shanghai hounds during their New Year trip up-country, during which some fine sport was had by all followers. This photograph was taken at Haiyi, after a fine morning's hunting.

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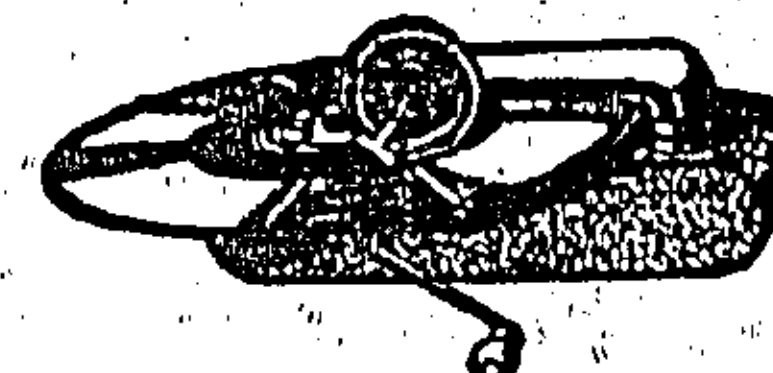
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 9th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 26th January, to Thursday, 9th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Thursday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

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SINGAPORE COLLEGE SCHEME.

BIG PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION.

The Raffles College scheme in Singapore is making good progress on both its architectural and administrative sides, and the main College is expected to open with thirty or more students in June. The main lines of the \$1,300,000 building scheme are already appearing.

The College will be the first institution of its kind in the Straits Settlements and the project which is now nearing completion, after over two years work, first came into being as the result of proposals to celebrate the centenary of the founding of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles.

The College scheme comprises an administration block, a science block, two halls of residence for sixty students each, a sports pavilion equipped with a gymnasium and swimming bath, and ten acres of playing fields. Further developments now held up for lack of funds include arts and engineering buildings and a third hall of residence.

Nowadays the question is: How many times should a girl marry before she settles down?

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1195 b.
Chartered Bank, \$211 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$322 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$731 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$590 b.
Union Ins., \$300 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.40 s.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$680 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$251 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$3 sa.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$31 b.
Shell Trans., \$83/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$18 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$21 n.
Kailans, 60/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$181 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 s.
Rauba, \$4 b.
Troncha, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1291 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$411 b.
China Providents, \$5.05 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 891 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$71 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 461 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.60 sa.
H. K. Lands, \$631 b.
Shai Lands Tls. 127 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Realities, \$8.35 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25 sa.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$63 n.
China Lights, (Comb) \$15 b.
H'kong Electric, \$69 b.
Macao Electric, \$61 b.
Telephones \$4.15 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$91 s.
Malabons, \$271 n.
Canton Ice, \$31 b.
Cements (Comb) \$11 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$18 b.
Watsons, \$11.40 b.
Der A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 sa.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$71 b.
Wm Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$241 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Brods, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prep.

LETTER GOLF.

From SINS to HELL is a par six.

SINS

HELL

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OFFICIAL GERMAN DENIAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

haired individual, believed to be a Russian or Soviet associations, who, while the a.s. Praga, was in port, made an attempt to bribe the crew to commandeer the vessel after it had left Manila and deliver its cargo to the Nationalists at Canton, according to the Manila Bulletin.

Fritz Piller, a member of the Praga crew, now seriously ill in St. Paul's Hospital, was the first man approached and only a few hours after Piller had reached hospital. Two other German sailors, both off the a.s. Dordminger were in the same ward and they were asked, by the visitor, to take a message to the chief engineer of the Praga the newspaper adds.

The message, according to Piller, was in the nature of an offer to the engineer, who is suspected of being in league with the Soviet. Every man on board was to be offered a hundred pounds and transportation back to Germany.

Elaborate Plan.

In the event that the crew refused the offer, the chief engineer would attempt to get the men ashore a few hours before sailing, and with Captain Jeschke searching the city for his men, the supposed Russian was to slip a crew he had recruited in Manila aboard the ship which would carry out the latter's plans.

In an interview with a Bulletin reporter Piller produced a statement and the message to be carried to the Praga.

So far, the police are still at loss as to the identity of the man. Piller described his caller as being a slender man, pallid features, hooked nose and light hair.

Officials are at loss to understand why a Russian should be interested in disposing of the rifles to the Nationalists, considering the treatment accorded the Slavs recently at Canton by Cantonese troops. It is the popular belief, however, that the man was acting merely as an agent for the Nationalist and not for the Soviet.

Piller is afraid of being attacked in view of the fact that he has in his possession the signed statement of his two ward mates. He has asked for police protection in case he leaves the hospital in the near future and he stated that the protection had been granted him.

German Rifles Remade.

In addition to telling all he knew of the episode with the Russian, Piller told a colourful tale of his trip aboard the Praga from Brunshausen, Germany, where cargo was taken aboard, to Manila.

He likewise confirmed the report that the rifles bore the stamp of Czechoslovakia.

"I saw a case of the rifles opened at Rotterdam and noted that they were stamped Czechoslovakia on the butts," Piller said. "They were made, however, in Germany and are of an old model, reconstructed apparently in Czechoslovakia."

"I was on watch down below when the case was opened. We were coaling in Rotterdam and two coal passers from off the coal barges were working down in the coal room. Coal was being poured over the rifles and when we left Rotterdam it would have taken a smart man to learn what our cargo contained. Every case of rifles was buried under the fuel."

Nationalists Attempt Trap.

Our trip to Formosa was uneventful except for the fact that Captain Jeschke was constantly afraid of being picked up by Nationalists. At Formosa, we met with bad luck and put into a port there. I don't know the name of the port.

"The reason we left the Formosa port in a hurry and doubled back, eventually stopping here, was not because of the cruiser Ohi, but because our radio operator had picked up a message transmitted from a Formosa station to the Nationalists at Hongkong, announcing who we were, and with instructions to pick us up. The Japanese customs officials had told us that we could coal farther up the coast and the radio

THE U. S. NAVAL PLANS

HOSTILE JAPANESE PRESS COMMENT.

Tokyo, Jan. 15.
The attitude of the vernacular newspapers is, in general, hostile to the recently announced American naval programme.

Sarcasically, the *Asahi* says, "America recommends to France the extension of a treaty outlawing war, yet for herself recommends an expansion of naval building."

The *Hochi* warns that America, in engaging in an expansion programme to satisfy her vanity, is antagonizing the world.

The *Jiji* lauds the spirit of the treaty proposed to France by the United States, adding, however, "But doesn't the proposal to carry out the naval expansion programme disclose a game which America has played at the expense of the world? Few things are so ridiculous as a remark by America that she desires only to bring her naval strength to a sharp standard, regardless of other powers."

AMERICA'S RUBBER NEEDS.

PLEA FOR GROWING IN PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Jan. 19.

The United States uses approximately 70 per cent. of the world's rubber production and, as one step toward combating the British monopoly, should grow rubber in the Philippines and other parts of the world. Mr. Harvey Firestone, President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, told the House Judiciary Committee to-day.

The Committee is considering a bill to permit the formation of American trade associations to enable the collective purchase of raw materials which foreign nations control. The bill was introduced by Representative Newton, of Minnesota, and is an amendment to the Webb-Pomerene export trading act. It is supported by Secretaries Hoover and Jardine.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"WE'RE IN THE NAVY NOW" TO-DAY.

The stars of "Behind the Front," Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, have the time of their lives as the sailor heroes of Paramount's second comedy showing the sunny side of the war, "We're in the Navy Now," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre again to-day by general request.

Starting in a prize ring, going to a naval training camp, from there to the deck of a troop transport, and in turn, a small rowboat, submarine, French dreadnought, France and then—all the way back to where it started from, "We're in the Navy Now" creates a new laugh record for Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton.

DOLLAR LINE SHIPS.

THREE SOLD TO CANADIAN COMPANY.

Vancouver, Jan. 18.
The Canadian-American Shipping Co., Ltd., announced to-day that they had purchased the British registered steamers Robert Dollar, M. H. Dollar, and Esther Dollar of the Robert Dollar Line. The consideration was reported to be \$1,500,000.

The vessels will be registered in Vancouver and will be operated on runs to the United Kingdom, the Continent and the Orient.

It is rumoured that the Line plans to dispose of all its ships under British registry. —Associated Press.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

London Gossip.

[BY JOAN.]

London, Dec. 17.
Dame Ellen Terry will be 80 years old on February 27. This anniversary will be celebrated appropriately.

Lady Alexander is already busy with the preliminaries. She is consulting with Dame Madge Kendal, and they are winnowing the suggestions offered fittingly to mark the four-score years attained by this most wonderful of English actresses.

The Grande Dame of Drama.

The original idea is to hold a sort of children's cabaret to entertain the guest of honour in one of London's leading hotels. Every effort will be made to spare Dame Ellen undue exertion, so the birthday party will be given in the afternoon.

Should the plan be chosen to invite the public to share in the festivities, tickets will be sold, and some charity will benefit.

Dame Ellen will determine the means of dispensing the profits. The important item is how best to make the occasion happy for her, and it is generally accepted that she would prefer to be amused by talented children, while surrounded by her countless friends.

Of International Interest.

One hears that at present Dame Ellen Terry is in excellent health. She has been living quietly in the country. Playgoing excites her too much these days, so her appearances in London have been rare.

But her interest in the stage and the work of the young actors is unabated. To them, she is always a living inspiration. They never tire of extolling this sublime artist, who since Shakespeare wrote the plays has best interpreted his heroines, not only in these isles, but beyond the seven seas.

The celebration of her next birthday will therefore possess an international interest, and will make an important page in the annals of the world's theatre.

A Real Christmas Card.

I wonder how many people, unless they are friends or neighbours, know of "The Little Cloisters," Westminster Abbey. You go through the big cloisters to get there, and, passing by the entrance to the Norman Undercroft, discover what is a picture all the year round, but which becomes a perfect Christmas card if there is a light fall of snow.

In the centre of the grass patch is a charming fountain, which very often plays; then there are railings of delicate tracery, and in the houses round live the canons of the Abbey.

The Wonderful Ceiling.

I was having tea in one of these old houses, and, noticing the magnificent ceiling, spoke to my host about it. There are great bunches of fruit and flowers in deep relief, and at each corner a medallion with a single figure making the date 1687.

It is attributed to Grinling Gibbons, though I understand he is not known to have done any plaster work.

Certainly he must have been one of the busiest men who ever lived, if he did half the work attributed to him. Just as Queen Elizabeth must have been the sleepiest of women, if she really slept in all the beds we are shown.

Perfume.

THE ART OF USING IT.

Perfume is one of the most important accessories of a woman's dress. It is astonishing how of late years the perfume industry has grown, and it was somewhat a matter of surprise when not so long ago couturiers started dealing in perfume which, until then, seemed to be something totally alien to their business.

But women rather welcomed this intrusion, if it may be called that, of her courtier in the realm of the perfumer and they immediately realized that this was prompted by the desire on his part to perfect the ensemble, which is the theme on which we all work.

The sense of smell has as much importance as that of sight, hearing or touch, and a well-dressed woman should flatter all senses agreeably.

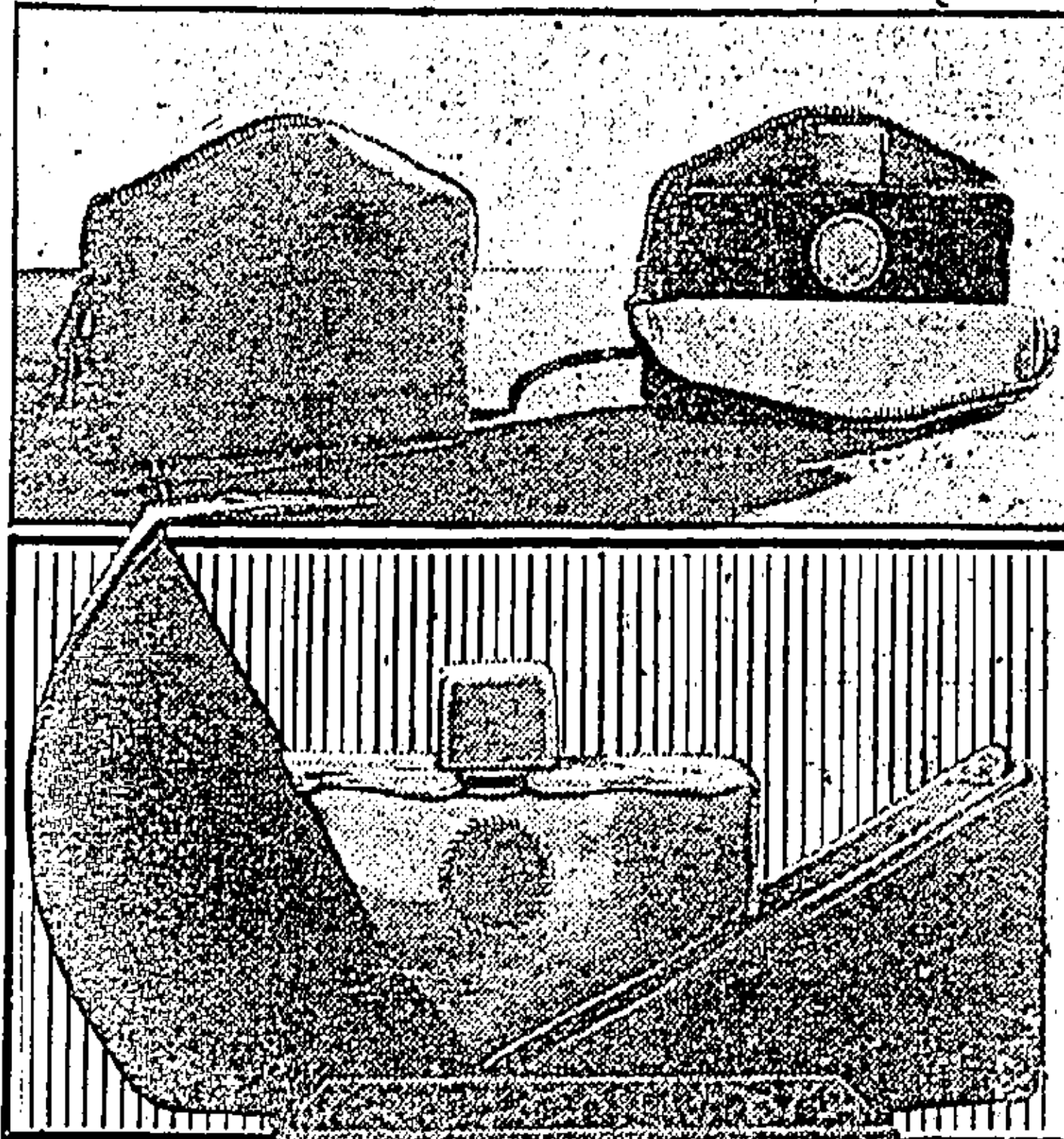
Veils Appearing.

FOR DECORATION ONLY.

Veils are appearing on many of the new hats, but these are almost entirely decorative in purpose and do not attempt to follow the "face covering" lines of the veils of other years.

Quite a number of the new veils are jewelled, a particularly popular mode being the pearl-edged veil. This is usually of the "nose-length" variety—a narrow wide-meshed veil draped round the hat and bordered with pendant pearl beads. These bordering pearls may be white, but frequently they are in colours, or of silver or gold. Sometime sparkling stones are used for the veil edging, as with a black hat which was trimmed with sparkling paste ornaments and of which the little circular hanging veil was bordered sparingly with "diamonds." The effect was that of dewdrops.

Attractive Perfume Cases.



Two new and exceptionally attractive cases, both in leather, for milady's perfume bottle.

It has been observed that some otherwise very smart women are totally devoid of a discriminating sense when it comes to choosing their perfume and would select one usually very expensive—which detracted from, rather than added to their charm. This resulted more often than not from the fact that the essence they had chosen did not blend with the fragrance of their skin.

The skin of a blonde blends better with the essence of some flower or any perfume in which the scent of flowers predominates.

Dark women may adopt a much heavier and headier perfume, those in which musk or amber enters for a large part, that is to say the more Oriental essences.

For a woman the art of perfuming herself is a subtle one. It happens sometimes that she perfumes herself so lavishly as to

spoil the effect of charm provoked by the sense of sight.

By using more or less perfume a totally different impression can be acquired, just as a touch more or less of rouge completely changes a face.

A refined woman should banish all eccentricity from her perfume as from her dress. She must perfume herself with the same discretion, taste and distinction that she displays in her clothes.

There are some exceedingly clever women who can adapt their perfume and their make-up to suit the various circumstances and environment in which they expect to find themselves, but this is an art unto itself, and very rare.

MITCHELL'S DEFEAT OF E. R. WHITCOMBE.

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY AND A NEW RECORD.

Mitchell gave a brilliant display in a 36-holes match against E. R. Whitcombe on the Brockenhurst Manor course, New Forest, recently, winning by the large margin of 6 and 4. At the same time, Mitchell created a new record of 71 for the course, an achievement that he repeated in the afternoon round. Mitchell and Whitcombe had only met once before in single combat, the occasion being the final of the Roehampton Cup in the spring, when Mitchell won by 3 and 1. The present occasion was in the nature of a test between the two men, and it was felt that Whitcombe, who holds sway in the Bournemouth district, would make a determined effort to wipe out that defeat. But it was a vain effort, for whatever chance Whitcombe might have had, he destroyed by a lamentable exhibition of putting, a department of the game in which he specialises, and, generally, is so thoroughly sound and dependable. But the "touch" completely deserted him, and with it his confidence. To the large crowd of spectators who anticipated a keen struggle it was a disappointment, because the match turned out to be very one-sided.

Mitchell, however, was in great form, making few slips, and, consequently, rendering the plight of the opponent still more hopeless. After a half in 4, Mitchell won the second hole, where Whitcombe pulled his drive into a bank and was unable to reach the green with the second shot. Whitcombe should have won the short third, but spoiled an obvious chance by taking three putts, an error that he repeated on each of the next two greens. Whitcombe was presented with still another chance at the seventh, where Mitchell cut his drive among some trees, but got well out from a difficult lie, though seventy yards short of the green. Whitcombe had a yard putt for the hole, but missed it.

At the next, he pushed his drive close to a hedge and could only play out sideways. Losing the hole, Whitcombe was three down at the turn with a score of 40 against Mitchell's 37. Whitcombe became four down at the short tenth, where he pulled wide of the green, and though he had an opportunity to halve the hole, following a clever pitch, he failed at the putt. He fell further into arrears at the fourteenth, where Mitchell held a chip shot for a "birdie" 3.

The only hole of the round that Whitcombe won was the fifteenth, where at last he succeeded in running down a putt, one of three yards. Neither was able to reach the long sixteenth in two shots, and a half in 5 resulted. Whitcombe, however, lost both the seventeenth, where he pulled the second shot off the green, and the eighteenth, where he again indulged in three putts. Mitchell concluded the first round with a six holes advantage, having a score of 71 against Whitcombe's 77.

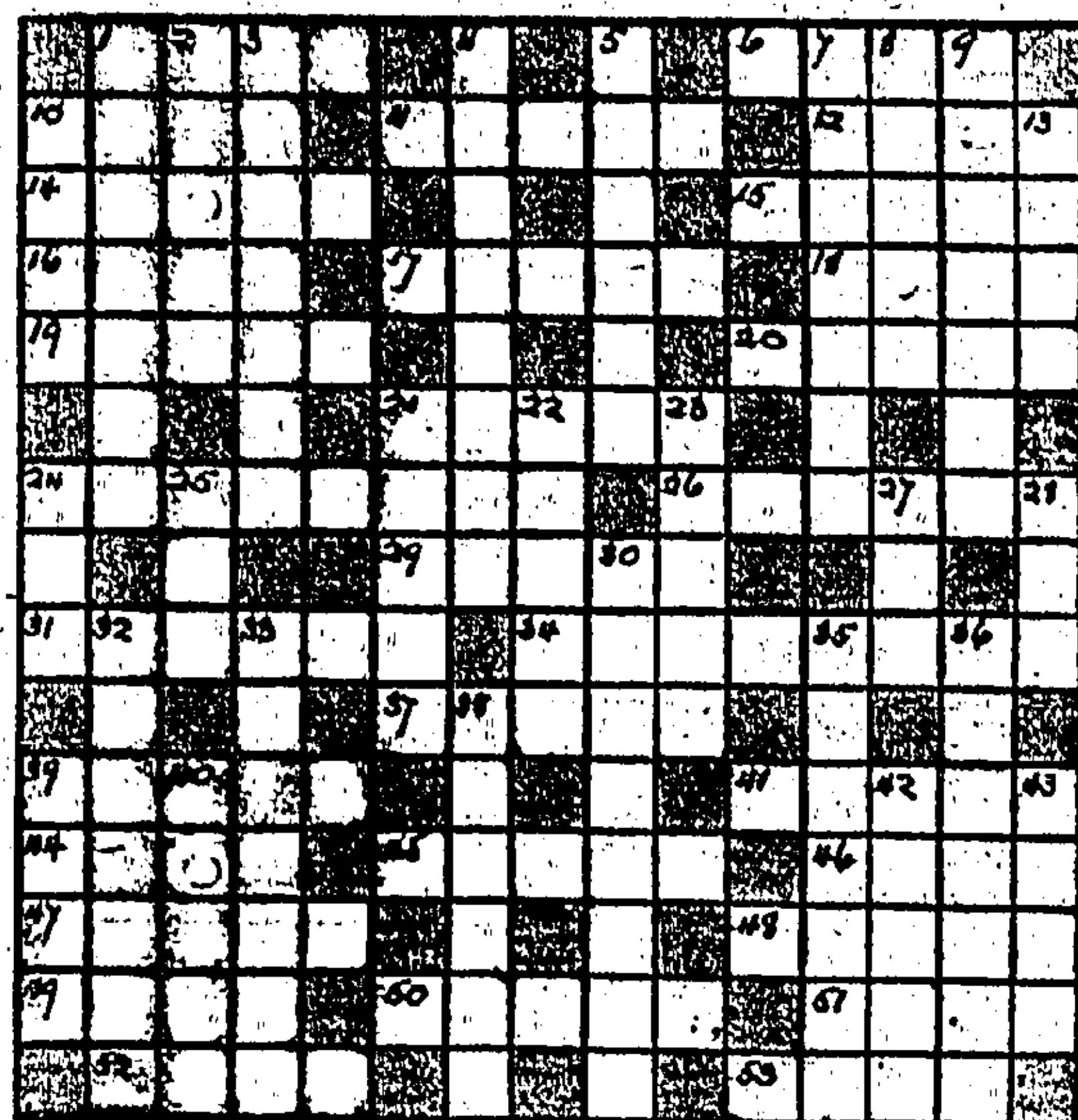
After winning the first hole after luncheon, and with Mitchell hooking a couple of drives into bad country, Whitcombe put a somewhat different complexion on the match, being only three down. But Mitchell crushed any suggestion of a collapse by getting a magnificent 3 at the eighth, hitting a long iron shot to within four yards of the flag.

"BEN HUR"

BIG FILM'S FINE LOVE THEME.

"Ben-Hur," the \$600,000 film which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre next week, owes its popular success not only to the grandeur of its spectacle and the absorbing nature of its action but

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Across.
1 Likewise.
6 Land surrounded by water.
10 Leguminous seed.
11 Mean fellow.
12 Disembark.
14 Went astray.
15 French government stock.
16 Greengage.
17 Odd.
18 Desirable region.
19 French unit of square measure.
20 Mimickers.
21 Insolence.
24 Three-pronged forks.
26 Wore down.
29 Incombustible residues.
31 Ascending.
34 Curse.
37 Withered.
39 Oval.
41 Killed.
44 Bad.
45 Family.
46 Fit.
47 Expate.
48 Thieved.
49 Grant for temporary use.
50 Shut.
51 Always.
52 Used for writing upon.
53 Employed.

Down.
1 Flower.
2 Big.
3 Spoke derisively.
4 Despatches.
5 Plant allied to the onion.
6 Person that slumbers.
7 Heath.

9 Came in.
10 Implores.
13 Caves.
21 Projecting stamps.
22 Under-tencher.
23 Relieved.
24 By-product from coal.
25 It is (abbr.).
27 Turkish Commander.
28 Give sparingly.
30 Use.
32 Summoned.
33 Designs.
35 Reclites.
36 Tricked.
38 Magnifies.
39 Elliptical.
40 Solitary.
42 Overhead.
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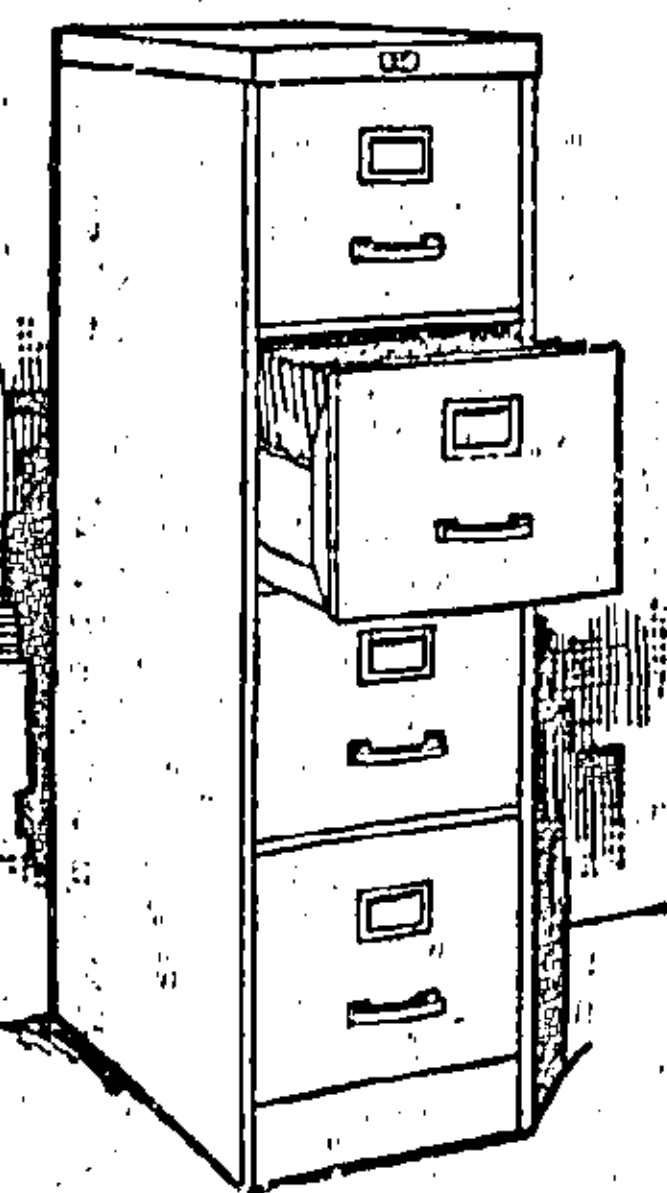
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Castro tender sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding of Mr. George Henry White and Miss Gladys Louise Woolley will take place at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. A reception will be held afterwards at Mr. Thomas Hyne's residence, 3rd floor, General Post Office Building. No formal invitations will be issued but all friends will be welcome.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1928.

THE WAY TO PEACE.

In view of the present movement at home aiming at the securing of industrial peace, more than ordinary interest attaches to a lengthy statement issued recently by the Engineering "Employers' Federation. Entitled "Thirty Years of Industrial Conciliation," it is a record of the history of the Federation and its relations with the Trade Unions. Reading the document through, one finds that the moral drawn by the engineering employers is that peace in industry is not difficult of attainment when industrial matters only are concerned, but that difficulties leading to serious trouble do arise when political aims are sought by Trade Union action. How well both sides have realised this point is shown by the fact that in the engineering industry there have only been two serious stoppages within the past thirty years. This is due to the fact that both the employers' and the men's organisations have thoroughly understood each other, with the result that free and frank discussions on industrial matters have been instrumental in maintaining peace.

The two serious stoppages referred to in the report occurred in 1897 and 1922. They both arose from the same cause—the demand of the Trade Unions to interfere with managerial functions. In both instances, the employers had to fight, because, to use their own words, "indications were clear that the trend of thought which caused the trouble was in the direction, not of joint control, but of sole control of the means of production and distribu-

tion." In other words, the Unions were making the question a political and not an industrial one. Apart from these two disputes, friction has been avoided, thanks to a realisation of the point that freedom of discussion is the essence of co-operation. A great deal has been done by what are termed "provisions for avoiding disputes," and it is interesting to note in passing that when these provisions were first made they were resented by the Unions as being enforced upon them, but they have since been repeatedly characterised by the men's leaders as being greatly to the benefit of the workers, the Unions and the industry, by helping to prevent unconstitutional action. Another point of interest is that all through its history the Employers' Federation has preserved the "open shop"—it has stood for complete freedom for the workman to belong or not to belong to a Trade Union. That is particularly interesting at the moment, because of the many secessions from the Unions.

This document is refreshing if only for the fact that it dispels an all too prevalent idea that there is in British industry a chronic state of war between employers and employed. In the engineering trade in particular, and in many others as well, the relations between masters and men are excellent. There is mutual respect and forbearance, and a constant process of adjusting claims and conditions according to the needs of an ever-changing situation. It is in the mining industry and amongst the transport workers, where the professional agitators have seen a chance of getting a stranglehold on the country, that frequent upheavals have done so much harm to the industrial system. As the Federation puts it, it is unwise to attempt to find short cuts to industrial peace. But if the politicians are kept out, we can trust the genuine leaders both of the employers and employed to solve their particular industrial problems.

Philippines' Independence.

More often than not, a frank and clear statement on any subject of importance by an individual qualified to speak, is a source of pleasure. We realise, too, that it is often necessary to be blunt in order to avoid a possible charge of ambiguity. Nevertheless we are surprised that Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Governor-General-Elect of the Philippine Islands, should choose in his first recorded public utterance since nomination, to go out of his way to take an attitude most likely to prove unpopular in the islands of which shortly he will have charge. He said, in effect, that the Filipinos, while potentially capable of self-government, will never be ready for independence because if the United States step out, Japan will step in, and the inhabitants of the Philippines would once again be a subject race. We do not suppose his reference to the residents of the islands as "enervated by the languorous climate" was intended slightly, but the tenor of his remarks in their entirety was somewhat tactless, to say the least. If Mr. Stimson's expression of opinion had ventilated any new angle of this important matter, if he had had something to say which had never been said before, we might accept it as well-considered, but instead, we are afraid, he has done little other than unnecessarily to create a bad impression in the Philippines, and we fear that a good deal of earnest effort on his part will be necessary to remove a not unnatural prejudice. Japan was not actually mentioned by Mr. Stimson but there is no reason to doubt his meaning. International relations are not improved by innuendoes, though Japan will not, we imagine, seriously concern herself with Mr. Stimson.

The members of the Manila Interport golf team arrived in the Colony yesterday on the Canadian Pacific s.s. Empress of Canada. The team consists of Mr. J. R. H. Mason, Lt. J. A. Cranston, Mr. G. M. Ivory, Mr. E. J. Nell, Capt. K. J. Fielder and Capt. I. J. Yates. Amongst other passengers arriving on the same ship were Mr. A. Shields, Mr. H. P. L. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cothran, Mr. E. H. Trice, Mr. J. C. Glegg, Mr. P. S. Erickson and Mr. E. Pugh.

DAY BY DAY.

IT MAY BE TRUE THAT MEN ARE CREATURES OF CIRCUMSTANCES; BUT IF THEY ARE OUR MASTERS, WE HAVE AN UNLIMITED CHOICE OF THEM.—Arthur Henry.

The B. I. s.s. Santha left Moji on the 22nd inst. and is due here at noon to-morrow.

The P. and O. s.s. Delta, which left Shanghai on the 21st inst., is due here at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

The Empress of Russia, which left Hongkong on the 4th inst., arrived at Vancouver on the 22nd instant.

The health return for the past four days shows one case of smallpox and one of diphtheria. Both were Chinese.

Foreign warships in harbour this morning were the Italian S. Cubote, Portuguese Pedro de Alenquer and the U.S.S. Sacramento.

The Hospital Comforts Committee acknowledges with many thanks, the receipt of parcels of literature from Mrs. Langston and Mrs. Pryde.

Mr. Don Tindling, Traffic Manager for the Orient for the Dollar and Admiral Oriental Lines, sailed for Shanghai yesterday by s.s. President Cleveland.

The British steamer Anking arriving from Singapore and Amoy reports the death of two deck passengers en route, one from consumption and one from beri-beri.

Brevet Col. F. S. Montague-Bates, who commanded the Surreys in Hongkong, has been appointed to command the 141st, (5th London) Infantry Brigade, Territorial Army.

A coolie was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday as a result of being knocked down by motor car No. 2, belonging to the Dragon Motor Livery Service. The accident happened at Aberdeen.

A Chinese woman who was knocked down by a tramcar in Des Voeux Road yesterday afternoon was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where it was found that she was suffering from serious scalp wounds.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia to-day were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Robertson, Major J. Macready, Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mrs. H. A. Jones, Mr. A. Lowson and Mr. L. Yates.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 11 arrivals and seven departures, of which four and three respectively were British, leaving 87 vessels in harbour, British 36. Tonnage was fairly high, but freights were low, Chinese registering the best inward and Japanese the only four figure return of through freights.

Chorus Swanston's comedy of a Gloria girl who plunges into the social swim, "Fine Manners," will be screened at the Star Theatre for the last time to-day. Another picture also being screened for the last time to-day is "Volcano," at the World Theatre, a story of the historic Mount La Pelee eruption, with Bebe Daniels in the leading role. "Volcano" is being screened at 5.15 and 9.20 only, the picture at 12, 2.30 and 7.15 being the Chinese drama, "True Love."

UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

PORK SELLER FINED AT KOWLOON.

Convicted on a charge of exposing for sale unwholesome pork at Argyle Street, a Chinese, who was remanded on Tuesday for the attendance of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was this morning fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Evidence was given by a Shan-tung sergeant to the effect that the defendant was seen to sell a quantity of pork to a woman. On the stall were two knives, a scales and a chopping board.

In reply to the Bench, Mr. M. J. R. Kelly, assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, said he examined the pork and found it to be putrid and not fit for human consumption.

THE CRACKER-FIRING NUISANCE.

MAGISTRATE DOES NOT THINK IT DANGEROUS.

"I am not at all in sympathy with these prosecutions," remarked Mr. R. E. Lindsell when a number of cases were brought before him this morning, the defendants in each case being charged with firing crackers to the danger of the public.

A number of convictions were recorded, most of the defendants either being warned or fined \$1, there being only one case where a fine of \$2 was imposed.

A police sergeant attached to the No. 2, Police Station, giving evidence in one case said he went on duty yesterday with the fire engine in order to stop, with the fire engine's hose, the firing of crackers from verandahs. There was also a special picket on duty to prevent the firing of crackers on the streets. The firing of crackers was dangerous to motor cars.

His Worship intimated that he did not follow the reason for such action. He said motor drivers would have their hoods and wind-screens down and he could not see the danger. He had himself driven through Wanchai several times during the holidays and had no trouble whatever.

Bad Summonses.

Summoned for firing crackers within prohibited hours yesterday, a Chinese youth from West Point, was discharged.

His Worship held there was no such offence as indicated in the summons. Defendant could be charged if he held a permit and was firing crackers outside of the conditions of that permit, or in a manner dangerous to the public.

Later, referring to the last Government Notification on the subject, his Worship said it had been held previously that the time limit fixed by that Notification only referred to strings of crackers fired from houses on New Year's Day, and not to little squibs in respect of the firing of which defendant was being summoned.

Defendant was accordingly discharged, as were a number of others who were arraigned on what Mr. Lindsell held to be "bad summonses."

VERY FEW HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS.

ONLY MINOR MOTOR MISHAPS REPORTED.

The Chinese New Year holidays this year have been singularly free from traffic accidents. According to the Traffic Department at the Central Police Station, policemen were on traffic duty on the Island Road and in different parts of the city to check speeding, and it is significant that the one or two trivial accidents which took place were not due to any recklessness on the part of drivers. One or two cases of speeding have come to the notice of the police, but, on the whole, the Traffic Department states, the New Year holidays have been very quiet.

Due to Experience. There was a short list of traffic summonses taken by Major C. Wilson this morning.

In one case, a Chinese named Teo Ka-po was charged with disobeying traffic signals. Inspector Alexander, prosecuting, said the defendant was a learner and at the junction of Garden Road and Upper Albert Road he was signalled to stop, but instead of stepping on the brakes, defendant stepped on the clutch. The Inspector added that there was a trained driver sitting beside Mr. Teo and that Mr. Teo had since explained that he did not mean to disobey the signal.

Inspector Alexander stated that the report was made by Captain White, of Government House. A fine of \$5 was imposed, the Magistrate expressing the opinion that it was a technical offence due to inexperience.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on a Chinese who was found guilty of speeding at 30 miles an hour in Queen's Road East on January 16th at 9.30 p.m.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 24.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	12.04 1/2
Copenhagen	12.04 1/2
Vienna	18.20
Helsingfors	24.50 1/2
Lisbon	18.35
Bucharest	7.00
Buenos Aires	4.75
Shanghai	2.7
Yokohama	1.11 3/32
New York	1.04 1/2
Geneva	25.81
Milan	92.05
Stockholm	18.10
Oslo	18.31
Prague	16.45
Madrid	28.60 1/2
Athens	38.74
Rio	5.53 1/4
Bombay	1.01 1/4
Hongkong	2.07 1/2
Silver (spot)	28.1 1/2
Silver (forward)	28.15 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

There had been an accident on the line, and a number of race-horses, travelling on the train were killed, among them being Sampan, a well-bred colt, but a failure so far as racing was concerned.

The owner, who was also on the train, wished to identify his horse, and, together with his trainer, set about the task.

"That ain't him," remarked the trainer on seeing the first corpse.

"Nor that," said the owner, pointing to another.

They wandered on and espied a third corpse.

"Not him," the trainer shook his head. "But there he is. That's old Sampan. Same in death as in life, not even in the first three!"

Inscribed "a Snappy Christmas to you all," a hamper arrived at a Chingford house.

Father gleefully opened it and out sprang a puppy, who, enraged at his prolonged confinement, promptly bit his new owner and his two children.

Thames Court solicitor: The tenant in my client's house uses bad language. The magistrate, Mr. Cairns: East London is not a Primitive Methodist chapel.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: When did you last see the defendant? Man: Two minutes ago, having a drink across the road.

Nottinghamshire witness: I saw this man use violent language. Willesden magistrate: How did he threaten you? Man: He said he would make my face so that even my wife would not know it again.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: Your honour will remember when this case was last before you? Judge Snagge: I am afraid not, I do my best to forget them.

"A friend who has recently returned from a Welsh tour," says the London correspondent of the "Illustrated Tasmanian Mail," "tells me that the town of Haverfordwest possesses no fewer than six dog licenses for every one of its 12,000 inhabitants. If these figures are correct, the contribution of the town to the National Exchequer on this item alone is £27,000 annually, which must easily constitute a record. On these terms, the Chancellor would have no reason to deplore any indications that the country was going to the dogs."

On the screen were two heads very close together. The adoring hero was kissing the blonde heroine, to the accompaniment of sentimental music.

A man in the cinema nudged his neighbour.

"My life has been wasted according to that," he whispered, nodding to the screen. "I've had three wives, but I never kissed any of 'em the way that feller's done it."

"It's never too late," remarked the other man, who had a sense of humour.

"It is," was the sad reply. "I'm so short-winded these days."

Amusing schoolgirl howlers were described in a lecture given by Miss Spear, joint principal of Oldfield Lodge Secondary School. Among them were the following:—

Joan of Arc's father was a pheasant.

Aaron was a good man, who helped Moses with his conjuring tricks.

At the Battle of Greyc the soldiers found a Ford motor van, by which they crossed the river.

The sun never sets on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the east and the sun sets in the west.

God tried Abraham by giving him a wife and children.

The spies who brought a report of the city of Jericho said the land was flowing with milk and honey, and brought a big bunch of grapes to prove it.

It not infrequently happens, in trials before the Criminal Court, that questions of vital importance hinge upon the matter of distance. More often than not witnesses are in conflict, and what may appear to be a few inches to one person is magnified into a few feet by others. Quite recently two witnesses, who viewed a fire in a bedroom, described the flames as "three inches high" and "four feet high" respectively.

Recently the question of distance in respect of the length of skid of a motor car came up. A police witness declared the distance to be 57 feet; he had measured it by pacing, and it had taken 19 steps. "A policeman's stride would probably be a bit more than the accepted three feet" commented his Honour (Mr. Justice Woolcock), who directed that a constable should be sent with a tape measure to ascertain the exact distance between certain points.

There is too little self-help and too much philanthropy—Sir Thomas Beecham.

CLAIM AGAINST MILLINER.

DISPUTE OVER GOODS CONSIGNMENTS.

SEQUEL TO A MIX-UP.

Allegations of wrongful conversion of goods were made in the Summary Court this morning, before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, when Mr. James H. Buckhouse, 1a Chater Road, merchant, sued Madame R. Sarraut, 100 House Street, milliner, and Rose Sarraut, a partner, for damages. It was alleged that the plaintiff had suffered damages by the wrongful conversion by the defendant of five parcels of goods consigned to Rolande Sarraut, Hongkong, the property of the plaintiff and valued at \$878.73. The claim was for this amount and in addition damages in respect of the loss of profit on the sale of the goods. The round figure claimed was \$1,000.

Madame Sarraut counter-claimed for \$361.79. She alleged that on August 15th, through her London agent, she purchased from Messrs. Thos. Townsend and Co., 45 ladies' felt hats and five ladies' fancy straw hats to the value of \$186.79. The goods were despatched from London by parcel post addressed to the defendant, in the name of Madame Rolande Sarraut. It was alleged that the plaintiff wrongfully took delivery on September 30th.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was for the plaintiff and the defendant was represented by Mr. L. R. Andrewes.

Former Partnership.

Mr. Hugh Jones said the plaintiff and the defendant were formerly in partnership in the business known as Rolande Sarraut, ladies' dressmakers, the shop being at No. 22, Queen's Road Central. That, he said, was clearly a trade name and the business was carried on by both until August 12th, last year, when a dissolution agreement was signed. Upon the terms of that agreement it was agreed that the partnership should be treated as dissolved as from April 20th previously by mutual consent; also that the business was to be carried on by Mr. Blackhouse and the defendant was to release all assets and book debts of the partnership and was to leave him in sole control of the business. The defendant further undertook for the period of six months not to carry on any similar business in Hongkong under the name of Rolande Sarraut.

His Lordship:—Am I concerned with that now?

Mr. Hugh Jones replied in the affirmative, saying that although she had not opened a shop in that name, the cause of action of the claim and the counter-claim arose from the misuse by the defendant of that name.

The defendant, continued Mr. Hugh Jones, established a business under another name, but, subsequent to the dissolution, a number of goods arrived in the Colony by registered parcel post. They were addressed to Rolande Sarraut, 22, Queen's Road, Hongkong. Two parties had had trouble with some other goods that had arrived by ship, and, on account of that, the defendant's attorney gave notice to the Post Office that all goods arriving addressed to Rolande Sarraut should be delivered to the plaintiff's shop, which was now carried on under the name of Pamela. That was the same business, but the name had been changed after the dissolution.

Delivered to Defendant.

Those instructions were acknowledged by the Post Office, but unfortunately they were not carried out and the five parcels mentioned in the statement of claim were delivered to the defendant at the shop where she carried on business under the new name. The receipt of those parcels by the defendant was admitted.

Other facts admitted, continued Mr. Hugh Jones, were that the invoice value of the goods was \$887.73 and that the value of the goods to the plaintiff was \$1,000 or more. Also that the goods were the property of the plaintiff.

Mr. Hugh Jones said that in view of those admissions, he thought it unnecessary to call evidence as to the claim. Their title to the goods was admitted. On the other hand, there was the counter-claim in respect of one parcel of goods, delivery of which was taken by the plaintiff and which was claimed by the defendant.

Liability Denied.

Mr. Armstrong said that Madame Sarraut had paid the sum of \$878.73 into Court, with a denial of liability. They denied wrongful conversion. The reason why they had paid that sum into Court, after stating that the value of the goods to the plaintiff was \$1,000 or more, was simply because they claimed it was a mistake.

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STORAGE OF CINEMA FILMS.

TWO LOCAL EXCHANGES FINED TO-DAY.

AN EXPLANATION.

Mr. K. Kam, representing two film exchanges located in China Building, appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, on a summons for storing dangerous goods, namely cinema films, in their offices without permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

After some discussion on the admissibility of the case under the provisions of the Ordinance, his Worship addressing defendant, said:—It is clear that you have committed an offence against this Ordinance. You are not allowed to keep any open films in premises at any time without special permission from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Defendant was fined \$25. Previous statements made by Fire Station Officer Moss and Sub-Inspector Ellis were to the effect that at a visit made by the former to defendants' premises in China Building, certain film lengths and cuttings were found exposed. Defendant now said that the films had just been returned from the theatre in a moist condition, and were being dried and repaired, before being forwarded elsewhere. He had no intention of keeping or storing these films.

At the previous hearing, Mr. Lindsell, in adjourning the summons, until this morning said:—It seems unreasonable to proceed against a smaller concern when no action is taken against a bigger one. I do not propose to fine these people if no action is taken against a larger concern which is doing a much more considerable trade in the same building. I propose to adjourn the summons until Wednesday next to see what action has been taken with the larger concern.

H.K. Amusements Explains.

In appearing this morning for the Hongkong Amusements Company, which was the concern to which his Worship alluded, Mr. H. J. Armstrong said, at the conclusion of the summons:—I am relying on the reports which appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph of the 11th of this month, the South China Morning Post of the 12th of this month, and I think the Hongkong Daily Press also of the 12th of the month, (in which this case was reported) and the remarks contained therein, which my clients think reflect on, or rather discredit, the good name of their Company, and may probably affect the opinion of the public on whom they rely for their success. They want me to explain the proceedings in connexion with the production of films which was referred to in the previous case, which might constitute an offence against this Ordinance.

"The Company have a properly-erected room in the Theatre itself, where the examination, cleaning, packing, winding, or repairing of films is carried out. The only purpose for which this room in the China Building is used is for the projection of films for the benefit of the Censors and Company's Staff. The instrument used is a Pathé Home Projector which can be used in any private house without a licence and to which this Ordinance does not apply. No films are kept in those premises and only such reels as are required to be shown to Censors, are taken up from the storeroom. The Europeans constantly in the premises are experienced men, and fire-extinguishing apparatus is at hand.

No Offence.

"Inspector Ellis has stated that no offence has been committed by this Company and that, as far as he is aware, no proceedings will be taken. I should just like to make that clear."

Mr. Armstrong also mentioned that the Hongkong Amusements Company had been in communication with the police in connexion with a fire-proof room which is now under construction for the screening of these films. One of the Censors raised this point, and the Company had written to the C.S.P. to enquire what further steps should be taken, and he said that this room should be made fire-proof. "But this point apparently is outside of your Worship's province," Mr. Armstrong added.

A halfpenny an hour increase, as from January 1 next, has been granted to all employees engaged on electrical generating and distributing work. These terms are to be stabilised for 12 months. Some time ago the wages were reduced by a penny an hour under a sliding scale agreement. The workmen have been pressing for the return of this penny, and negotiations have been going on for some months. The halfpenny an hour will be in addition to any increase which may, in the term provided for, become due under the sliding scale.

PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS.

OUTSPOKEN COMMENT BY PRESS.

ANGLO-SPANISH CRITICISM.

Havana, Jan. 24. Speaking at the Pan-American Congress, Mr. Hughes (United States) opposed the Mexican proposals and emphasised the importance of a permanent Director General owing to the need of able direction based on long experience.

The Argentine Ambassador, evidently referring mainly to the United States, attacked high tariffs as impeding international commerce and being injurious to Pan-American relations. He asserted that the creation of prohibitive inter-American tariff walls was a direct violation of the object for which the Pan-American Congress was first called.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Outspoken London Comment.

London, Jan. 16. President Coolidge's speech before the Pan-American Congress drew bitter outspoken comment today from London's morning journals.

"Coolidge had a good deal to say about Columbus, but nothing about Nicaragua and Mexico," the *Daily News* observed. "He insisted that nowhere on the American continent are great military forces being maintained to overawe or subjugate other nations, but he neglected to mention that the United States Government is considering a great expansion of its Navy. It is plain that the United States Government realizes at last the extent to which its aggressive and imperialistic policy has alienated the sympathy of whole Latin America and it is anxious to make amends and prove its benevolent intentions. Peace is not to be established by talking pious generalities."

Sovereignty Of Small States.

"Probably not another nation in the world could produce such an address," the *Westminster Gazette* said. "Open self-praise culminating in the scriptural quotation, 'We've been slow to anger etc.' is a familiar tune of the United States. The sovereignty of small states doesn't seem to be entirely respected by the United States."

The *Daily Chronicle*, a Liberal organ, was more amiable in its views, saying, "The President's exaltation over the new world's doings was not meant to deprecate the old world, but to conciliate Latin America by including it in a common pride. Certainly, South Americans would be very unwise to raise the Monroe Doctrine issue at this time. It is not a threat to them and the United States is in a far stronger position to uphold it than ever before."—*Associated Press.*

Spanish Criticisms.

Madrid, Jan. 17.

The Spanish press to-day sharply criticised the United States and its policy in Latin America, in editorially discussing President Coolidge's address before the Pan-American Congress at Havana.

El *Imparcial* spoke critically of the Cubans for cheering President Coolidge, saying, "The people forgot the Platt amendment and Coolidge forgot it too, failing to mention that because of the Platt amendment there is not in Cuba another power superior to that of the United States. It is the president of the United States, not the president of Cuba, who reserves to himself the right to authorize international agreements, to change economic agreements and to guard the independence of the country, to the end that the United States has ports along the Cuban coast, and military bases inside the island which serve as a guarantee of any possible invasion. Anyhow, the conciliatory words of Coolidge will not ring true while sharpshooters in Nicaragua continue hunting Sandino's troops."

(The Platt amendment was adopted by Congress in 1901, when the President was authorized to give Cuba a government, while the latter agreed never to enter into a compact with a foreign power that would impair her independence; that she would contract no excessive debts; that she would lease lands to the United States for coaling and naval stations, and that she consented to the United States exercising the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence.)

Interfered In China.

El *Debate* was perhaps even more critical than El *Imparcial*, saying, "From 1898 American policy has shown a trend toward open imperialism with no scruples. The United States took possession of Panama and Porto Rico. It has interfered in China, Haiti and Santo Domingo, and conquered the islands in the Caribbean Sea until it has transformed that sea into a Yankee lake. As the century goes forward mistrust on the part of Spanish

SOVIET PLOTTING IN CHINA.

NEW TERRORISTIC CAMPAIGN ARRANGED.

TRAINING STUDENTS.

Through a Russian source says the *Shanghai Times* comes the information that Moscow is at present devoting even greater efforts to bring China under its sway.

A special committee called the Eastern Committee of the Chinese Terrorists has been established in Moscow with a branch in Vladivostok for the purpose of furthering the activities of the Soviet in China from the point where it was forced to cease following the recent severance of Soviet-Chinese relations.

The U.S.S.R. has adopted a distinctly hostile attitude to the Kuomintang which has been exemplified by the changing of the name of the Sun Yat-sen University in Moscow and the imprisonment of members of Chinese students in Russia.

The Soviet believes that there were two reasons for the failure of the campaign in China, the first of these being the expulsion of the Communists from the Kuomintang and the second being the insufficient training in military matters of the Chinese Communists and their lack of the knowledge of firearms.

With a view to overcoming the latter difficulty in the future it is stated that the new Committee will specialize in the training of Chinese students in Russia in the use of firearms and military tactics, after which they will be transferred to China to educate the masses in these affairs in preparation for the final victory of the Soviet in China.

TERRITORIAL CADETS.

DEAL MARINE CORPS WIN THE KING'S SHIELD.

The King's Shield for Miniature Rifle shooting, which is competed for annually by recognised Territorial Cadet units, has been won by the Depot, Royal Marine Cadet Corps (Deal), with a figure of merit of 98.606. The runners-up are the Chatham Company, Royal Marine Cadet Corps, were 93.375. These two teams were first and second respectively last year and in 1924.

The eight best shots in the winning team, three of whom reached the maximum score, are awarded the Silver Badges, and the eight best shots of the second team, one of whom reached the maximum, are awarded the Bronze Badges, presented by the Army Council.

The next best teams were the 1st Monmouth Cadet Bn. C. L. Brigade, Lewisham Sch. (Weston-super-Mare) C. C. "A" Co., Latymer Upper Sch. C. C. "H" Co., Royal Masonic Sch. C. C. (Bishop); "B" Co., Royal Masonic Sch.; Magdalen Coll. Sch. (Brackley) C. C.; Temple Grove (Eastbourne) C. C.; and the Frimley and Camberley C. C. (Senior Co.).

Eighty-one units competed and 3,360 cadets fired for the Shield, these figures representing an increase of 46 units and 1,860 cadets on those for 1925.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 11 of this issue.

- 1 Give the real definition of a carol.
- 2 Do water-pipes burst when a thaw comes?
- 3 What were the original skates?
- 4 What law coming into operation on New Year's Day will affect dairymen?
- 5 Define the following old English words: Dimity or dimpsy; fitch; pill; dreschel; haggard.
- 6 Who instituted the custom of the "crib" in churches at Christmas?
- 7 What famous family's surname was Capet?
- 8 What portion of the American Continent constitutes Central America?
- 9 How many square yards are there in an acre?
- 10 Who composed the oratorio, "Elijah"?
- 11 What were the wars between Rome and Carthage called?
- 12 What special precautions should be taken in lighting a Christmas pudding?

nations towards the United States, increases."

El *Sol* said that the United States may be forced by Latin America to join the League of Nations, but "this would be only an empty gesture, as it would find a pretext to squirm out of it."—*Associated Press.*

HANKOW ROBBERY EPIDEMIC.

BY HAUL BY ARMED GANG.

WHITEAWAY CO. BURGLED.

Quite a number of robberies have been reported in the Concessions at Hankow recently, details of which are now to hand in accounts given in the *Central China Post*. In one instance, an audacious armed hold-up, resulted in the Teng Dah Exchange Company and the Tai Kee Commission Agents losing \$11,000, whilst in another, Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. suffered to the extent of \$1,100.

The report of Messrs. Whiteaway's robbery, which occurred on the 9th inst., states that it is apparently a complete mystery to all connected with the firm. Following his usual practice Mr. Hawkins the manager saw all employees off the premises by a quarter to six in the evening, and himself remained to do a little extra work and make his usual inspection. During this work all lights were up in the building, and the front door was locked; as the managers desk practically faces the entrance there was no possibility of anyone entering without his knowledge.

Money Placed In Safe.

At the conclusion of the day's business the cash drawer was taken from the cashier's desk, its contents checked over and placed in the safe with the books; this custom having prevailed ever since the firm commenced business in Hankow. The contents of the cash drawer were \$764 in cash, and a balance of cheques and comrade orders which totalled \$1,100, payment of these latter had since been stopped. The safe was then locked and Mr. Hawkins made an inspection of the premises to see that all entrances were properly locked. All was in order and he then retired for the night.

On the following morning Mr. Hawkins opened the store at the usual time of eight-thirty, and shortly after other employees of the firm began to arrive, but not until nine a.m. did it become necessary for the cashier to operate, and the safe was then opened to transfer the cash drawer to the cashier's desk.

Unpleasant Surprise.

To the surprise of all present the drawer was missing; books and other contents of the safe showed no sign of disturbance whatever, all that was missing was the drawer containing the money. A close examination of the safe revealed no signs of tampering whatever, and expert examination of the safe merely revealed the fact that it must have been opened with a key.

The manager is positively certain that on no occasion have the keys ever left his person, and that after locking the safe last night they were carried with him as usual when he retired for the night. The fact however remains, one or more persons entered those premises during the night, opened the safe with a key and calmly walked away with \$1,100 carefully replacing the drawer which contained the money in its proper place in the cashier's desk where it was found later in the morning.

Another Attack.

The other robbery took place on the evening of the 10th inst., when armed men entered the premises of the Teng Dah Exchange Company and the Tai Kee Commission Agents. Their premises are on the Chung Fu alley and are next door to the Chung Fu Bank. The building is three-storeyed with the Teng Dah Company on the ground and the Tai Kee Company on the first floors. The first step taken by the robbers was to silence the gateman. This was done by an armed man stopping the caretaker from closing the gates and forcing him into the gatehouse keeping him there at the point of an automatic. Three men then entered the offices of the Teng Dah Company by the back door. They were stopped by an armed policeman who was on duty in the building and were asked what they wanted. They answered that they wished to see Mr. Li. It happened that there are two Mr. Lis connected with the firms. One is director and the other an employee. The former was out at the time but before the policeman could say a word the three men he was speaking to drew pistols and forced him into the manager's room after taking the bolt-out of his rifle.

Wanted \$5,000 Loan.

While this was going on his two companions edged into the cashier's department where three employees were working. They introduced themselves to these by murmuring that they had come for a loan of \$5,000 followed by which they also drew pistols and demanded the keys of the safe and (Continued on Page 11.)

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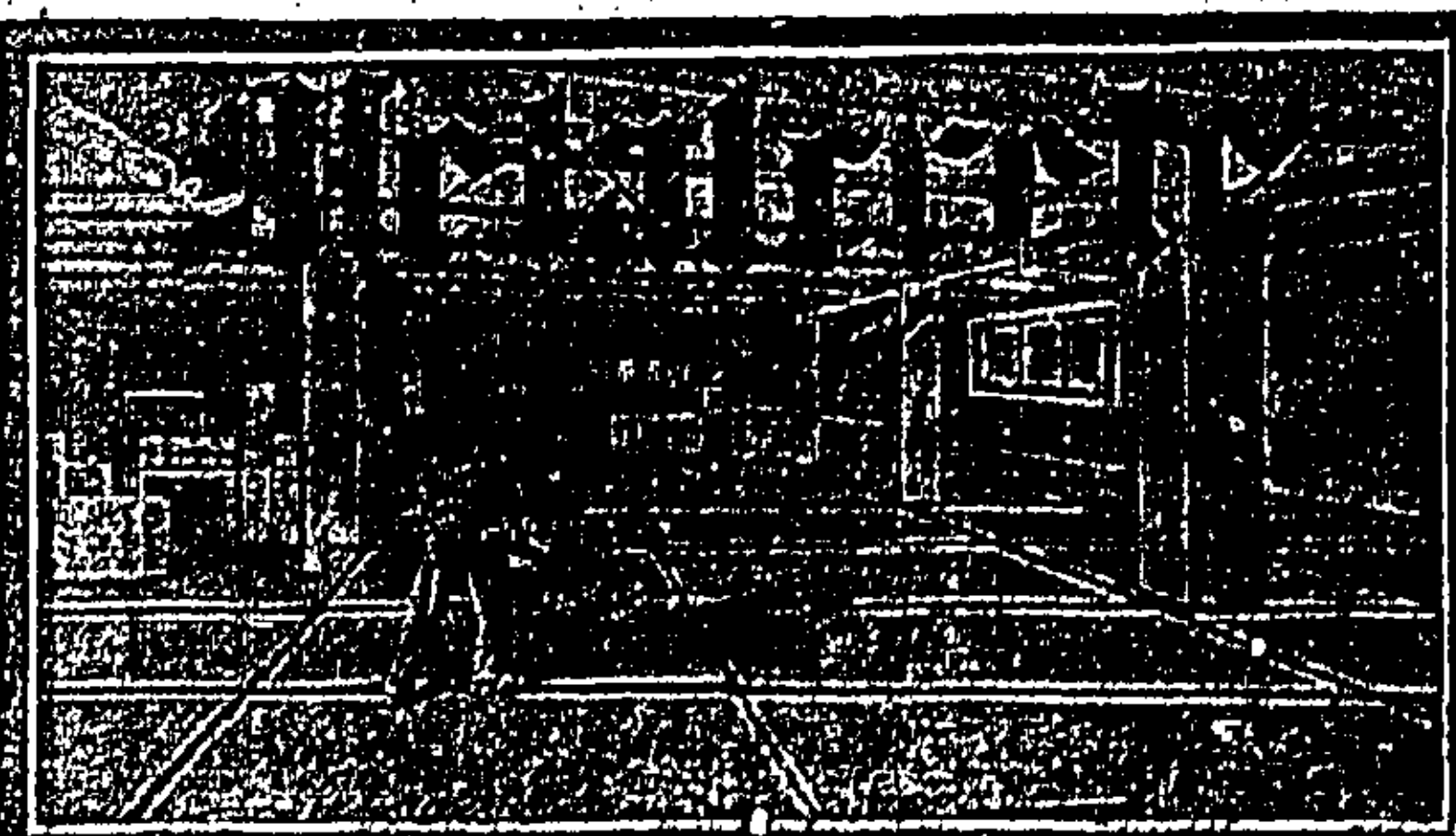
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NEWSPAPERS LEAD ALL OTHERS

An interesting survey was recently conducted of a middle western American city of more than half a million people, to find out where the buying public received its inspiration for their purchasing. The question was asked what form of advertising influenced them most—magazine, street car, billboard or newspaper. In order to be fair, newspapers were put at the end of the list. The results were as follows:

Kind of Advertising	Number Influenced	Per Cent Population
Newspapers	110,868	90.3
Magazine	9,059	7.3
Street Car	2,036	1.6
Billboard	731	0.6



BOXING TOURNEY.

FINE PROGRAMME FOR
NEXT SHOW.

AT THE LEE THEATRE.

[By "Wanderer."]

Although it will not be suggested that the programmes offered by the Hongkong Boxing Association achieve the level of those which receive the favour of Premierland, the Ring or Hoxton Baths patrons, the fact remains that for the most part Hongkong is well-favoured in the quality of the sport presented.

Further evidence is hardly necessary than recent information that A. B. Ewin had a busy Christmas in London, having been engaged at Premierland on December 22nd and at Hoxton Baths on the 27th. In the meantime Jim Cartledge is still regarded as a top-liner in Plymouth. He recently defeated Frank Radcliffe, the light and welterweight champion of Cornwall for the second time. Ewin's contests were ten-round meetings with such well-known men as Harry Jennings and Harry Berman, but the results are not yet to hand.

A Coming Champion?

In Hongkong just now we have a man who is developing along the lines of A. B. Ewin, and who, if he continues to improve at the present rate, will not be long in out-distancing the tall Hermes man. I refer to Signalman Morris, of H.M.S. Argus, who undoubtedly is a coming champion of this Colony. He will have his first opportunity of achieving the honour at the Lee Theatre on February 24th, when the Hongkong Boxing Association is staging a further tournament.

The main event will be a fifteen rounds contest for the middleweight championship of the Colony between Signalman Morris and Jose Pintos Da Silva, of the Portuguese transport, Pero D'Alencar, who holds or has held the middleweight championship of South Africa. Da Silva is a fairly heavy hitter with a first-class reputation, and Signalman Morris will be given a severe test.

As a matter of fact it will be Morris's first test in Hongkong. Every opponent against whom he has been matched since his arrival has been unable to cope either with the Signalman's cleverness or his hard hitting. Morris is a difficult man to contend with in a hard-hitting stand-up fight, and if it is a boxing bout which is desired, he is also well to the fore. At the last tournament he gave away a stone and knocked out his opponent in the closing rounds.

Return Bouts.

Leading Seaman Hall and Marine Frazier will again be in opposition. A rousing battle resulted from their previous meeting, and Hall by his aggressiveness in the early stages obtained the verdict. Frazier came up strongly towards the end and he was unsatisfied with the decision, challenging Hall to a return contest before the termination of the tournament. The fight will be over ten rounds at the welterweight limit.

For the third time in three tournaments, Marine Harris and Stoker Sharples are matched. There is so little between them that a really good scrap can be guaranteed every time they meet. Sharples gained the decision by a narrow margin at the last tournament, the previous fight resulting in a draw. The third battle it is anticipated will satisfy them as to their respective merits.

Signalman Shons and Pte. Hume who meet in a six rounds featherweight contest are also old opponents. A fight which will be long remembered marked their previous meeting. Hume went for his man at the start and looked all over a winner, but Shons stood up to the battery in wonderful fashion and came back so strongly that Hume was badly "done" at the conclusion though his early good work gave him the verdict. A fight equally good will be worth going a long way to see.

Two other fights scheduled are between Signalman Bateson, Ironquels, and Pte. Carney, of the K.O.S.B., and Stoker Broad, Seraph and Pte. McGregor, Scots Guards. Broad is a newcomer, but his reputation is excellent, and it is said that he will have to be carefully watched by all men at his weight in local boxing circles.

FANLING HUNT.

CHINESE NEW YEAR
MEETING.

[By "Rambler."]

The Steeplechase Meeting of the Fanling Hunt was held at Kwanil Race Course last Saturday and although the attendance was without the usual Chinese support it was nevertheless a most successful meeting. The weather looked rather threatening on Friday night and early Saturday morning, but fortunately for all concerned the rain kept off and a most enjoyable afternoon's sport was witnessed.

The fields were large with the exception of the "big event" of the day which dwindled down to two starters, owing to the presence of Easter Day Kwanil's crack hurdler who was ridden by the crack-a-jack across country rider, Dr. L. Reidy. This race was, in my opinion, the most interesting one on the card and, without belittling Mr. Osborne's performance in any way, proved beyond doubt what first-class horsemanship can do. I was firmly convinced at the finish that Reidy could have won on either pony. Although the course was a little on the hard side, the ponies undoubtedly relished the going, with the result that times were fairly fast.

Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, the popular officer commanding the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, had a day out by annexing a double which returned the handsome "divvy" of \$162 and \$31.40 respectively.

Before the start of the Heavyweight Stakes, Drake caused quite a diversion by taking his rider for a gallop down the branch railway. This race was robbed of a good finish owing to the indifferent jumping of Sunning who blundered badly at all the jumps up to the fifth where she sent Charles for a real "purla." Saddled later in the day, she absolutely refused to take the water jump, despite the determined efforts of Bolton to get her across. Strange she should put up such a disappointing performance after running so convincingly at the previous meeting.

Dr. Reidy was the most successful rider, with two firsts and one third, Mr. Shillington, one first, one third, Mr. Durlacher and Mr. Sugden, one first, Lieut. Col. Comyn headed the list of winning owners with two firsts, Mr. Stanton and Reidy, Mr. Watson, Mr. Usher, one win each.

Fanling Hunt Paper Chase. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in the country on Monday morning by the members of Fanling Hunt who were out to a paper chase which had been arranged by Dr. L. Reidy. Altogether there were 19 starters: "Rupert" (Erskine), Alhambra (Pollock), Sunning (Charles), Humdinger (Bulteel), Shady Joe (Hayley-Bell), Strathlone (Beck), Sheila (Backhouse), James Pigg (Macnamara), Nobleman (Bayliss), Circe (Sewell), Conquistador (Mrs. Chubb), Two Step (Mrs. Sheldon), Pekin (Barnie), Blotting Paper (Watson), Talavera (Hignett), Craighaved (Potts), Drake (Durrant), Gin Sling (Hunter), Arterexes (Bolton).

The course was placed over the country that lies between the Kwanil Race Stables and the Chinese boundary, and in the opinion of the riders Dr. Reidy had selected about six miles of the most difficult country it was possible to find over which to run his field. In addition, he had been so sparing with the paper that at times it was almost impossible to follow the line, with the result that quite a number of the field went astray in an effort to locate the paper.

Before the first check was reached, the whole field had over-ridden the paper for a distance of nearly a mile before it was discovered they were off the line. Beck and Charles doubled back to where the last paper was seen, and, selecting different directions, the paper was finally discovered by Beck quite a respectable distance away, hidden beside a clump of bushes situated at right angles to the line. Beck hollered good and loud which eventually brought the scattered field together, and a good run was made from this point to the first check, where Beck somehow went astray and Charles took command of the field and set a merry pace, closely accompanied by Bulteel, Pollock and Erskine in the first field, with Sewell, Hayley-Bell, Bayliss, Mrs. Chubb and Mrs. Sheldon in the second group about 200 yards in rear. The leaders were making wonderful time considering the nature of the country which was very treacherous and could easily have been named Suicide Valley without any exaggeration. Humdinger, Sunning,

FRIENDLY SOCCER.

FOUR MATCHES DURING
THE HOLIDAYS.

Four friendly football matches were played during the Chinese New Year holidays. On Monday, South China played and defeated a Navy XI by three goals to two, and on Tuesday, they met the Titania and won by four goals to two.

Both matches produced good football. The first match heralded the opening of the new South China ground at Caroline Hill. Fung King-cheong, Wong Mee-shun and Ip Pak-wa scored for South China, while Sims and Northey secured goals for the Navy.

On Tuesday, the Titania scored first through Benton, but failed to hold on to their advantage. South China scored four goals before the same Titania player got through again. For long periods the Titania had the better of the play, but in front of goal they proved very erratic and threw away countless chances.

In a return match between the Taikoo Club and the Taikoo Chinese, the latter team won by four goals to two. The Club led by the only goal scored prior to the interval, but fell away in the second half. A collection was taken on behalf of the funds of the M.C.L.

The Royal Artillery and H.M.S. Argus looked like four goals in a match at Sookunpoo in the United Services Shield Competition, but just before the end, Maddocks accepting a pass from the left, ran through in great style and secured the winner.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND'S BIG SCORE.

Durban, Jan. 24. In sunny and hot weather, before a small attendance and on a fairly fast wicket, England were all dismissed for 430. Stevens contributed 69, whilst Vincent took six wickets for 131 and Nupen four for 94.

When lunch was taken, South Africa had scored 20 without loss. Later, South Africa scored 155 for 3 wickets before the tea interval, Taylor knocking up 60.—*Reuter*.

Close of Play.

Durban, Jan. 24. At the close of play, South Africa carried their score of 155 for three wickets to 279 for the loss of four wickets. Catterall made 76 and Nicholson 66 not out.—*Reuter*.

Alhambra and Rupert were positively enjoying the run as much as their respective riders, who, if they were not trying to break their own necks, were at least endeavouring to the best of their ability to get as close to it as possible.

When the road was reached, it was seen that Charles was leading the field with Bulteel, Pollock, Erskine and Hayley Bell well up, with the rest of the field strung out a considerable distance in the rear with Sewell, Beck and Macnamara endeavouring to get on terms with the leaders. The leaders were absolutely pounding through the country at this stage with each rider taking a turn at finding the paper. Steeplechasing was child's play compared to it. Graves, holes, trenches, creeks and gutters were negotiated at break-neck speed, and how the first group of ponies ever finished the run is nothing short of miraculous, for the country during the last half mile is better imagined than described.

Erskine was leading the field as they came off the high ground down to the uncultivated paddy fields and he made the pace a cracker across the long run in. Pollock, Charles and Bulteel were making a gigantic effort to close the gap, but without avail, as Erskine ran on to win a good five lengths ahead of the field. As an example of courageous dare-devil cross country riding, I certainly think that Erskine deserved to win. The order of the finish was:

- (1) Mr. Erskine's Rupert, 165 lbs.
- (2) Mr. Pollock's Alhambra, 150 lbs.
- (3) Mr. Hashim's Sunning, 165 lbs.
- (4) Mrs. Paterson's Humdinger, 150 lbs.

Again I have to refer to the sterling performance of the two lady riders, Mrs. Chubb and Mrs. Sheldon. These gallant little ladies completed the whole course, not forgetting the steeplechase hurdle, despite the fact that they were mounted on ponies which are not considered class by their owners.

After the meet, everybody adjourned to the Hunters Arms, where Mrs. R. J. Paterson presented winning cups to Dr. L. Reidy and Mr. Erskine, who immediately had them filled with the liquid refreshment and had them passed round amongst those present. The Master thereupon called for three cheers for Mrs. R. J. Paterson, after whichiffin was served.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 28th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 28th:—

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FOURTH ROUND.

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Norwich	v	Walsall.
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TUNNEY & DEMPSEY.

MAY MEET AGAIN VERY
SOON.

New York, Jan. 16. Revising his heavyweight championship slate, Tex Rickard, the promoter, to-day announced his intention of re-matching Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey, in a 15 round fight to be staged at the Yankee Stadium in June or July. The winner would defend his title in September against one of five contenders—Johnny Risko, Paulino Uzcudun, Jack Delaney, Jack Sharkey and Tom Heeney.

The prospects are that a Sharkey-Delaney fight will be held soon, with the winner meeting either Uzcudun or Heeney.

Miami, Jan. 16. Told of Tex Rickard's plan to rematch him with Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney said, "That suits me fine."

Ninety-one divorce petitions are to be heard at Birmingham Assizes, and Mr. Justice Swift said: "The lists at the Assizes are getting longer and longer, and I am not sure whether the Divorce Division ought not to send their own Judges round on circuit." Only one of the 91 petitions is defended.

LORD BIRKENHEAD AT SCHOOL.

FELLOW-STUDENTS
REMINISCENCES.

DARING BOATING TRIP.

The Earl of Birkenhead recently visited Birkenhead School, where he received his early education, to do honour to another old boy who has risen to be a distinguished member of the Bar—Mr. G. F. Mortimer, K. C., the Recorder of Rotherham.

In the big hall of the school hang three oil paintings of distinguished former scholars—Lord Birkenhead, his brother, the late Sir Harold Smith, K. C., and Sir Thomas Hughes, K. C.

Mr. Mortimer presented a portrait of himself to be added to the gallery of K. C.'s who were educated at the school.

"I had no intention of doing so," Mr. Mortimer said, "but when I called at the India Office Lord Birkenhead insisted that it would be appreciated, and I cannot think he is capable of untruths."

Lord Birkenhead paid a warm tribute to Mr. Mortimer. "I recall that I was not at the school when Mr. Mortimer attended it. He was, I think, four years senior to me at school. But I well remember his brother, who was a contemporary of mine. He was a distinguished athlete, and I knew him well because I was fond of Rugby Football myself."

Products of Balliol.

"Mr. Mortimer's brother won the school cup three years in succession, and thereby created consternation among the authorities of that day, for it became his own property and they had to replace the trophy."

"Mr. Mortimer's career has been one of great distinction. It is not for me to dispute—certainly not on this occasion—the educational merits of that cosmopolitan seat of learning known as Balliol. It would be strange indeed if the contact of very different and unusual minds assembled from every corner of the globe did not produce some men of ripe experience and learning. Two more admirable members of that college than Mr. Mortimer and your headmaster (Mr. R. K. Davis) I have never set eyes on. One began and the other has completed his career at Birkenhead School."

"I remember when I was an undergraduate hearing Mr. Mortimer deliver a most admirable speech in the Oxford Union, to which he came with all the dignity of an ex-president, and wearing a Bachelor of Arts gown."

"He did not seriously attempt a career of politics, but preferred to follow my own profession, in which he has attained a considerable degree of eminence. He is one of the recognised leaders of that great circuit, the North-Eastern Circuit—the only one which can in any way compare with the Northern Circuit."

"He was very surprised when I asked him if he would have his portrait painted and presented to the school so that it might be ranged with those others which—if I may say so without immodesty—the school treasures. He can be reassured on that point, for the school is delighted to do honour to a famous former scholar."

"F. E." As A schoolboy.

Rousing cheers were raised for Lord Birkenhead before the gathering broke up. Although he did not refer to his own schooldays in his speech old boys of his time afterwards recalled when, as F. E. Smith, he entered the school forty years ago.

"I well remember his striking athletic appearance even as a small boy," said one of a little group of contemporaries, who chatted in the big hall. "I think he was fonder of games than of learning in those days, though he became head boy before I left."

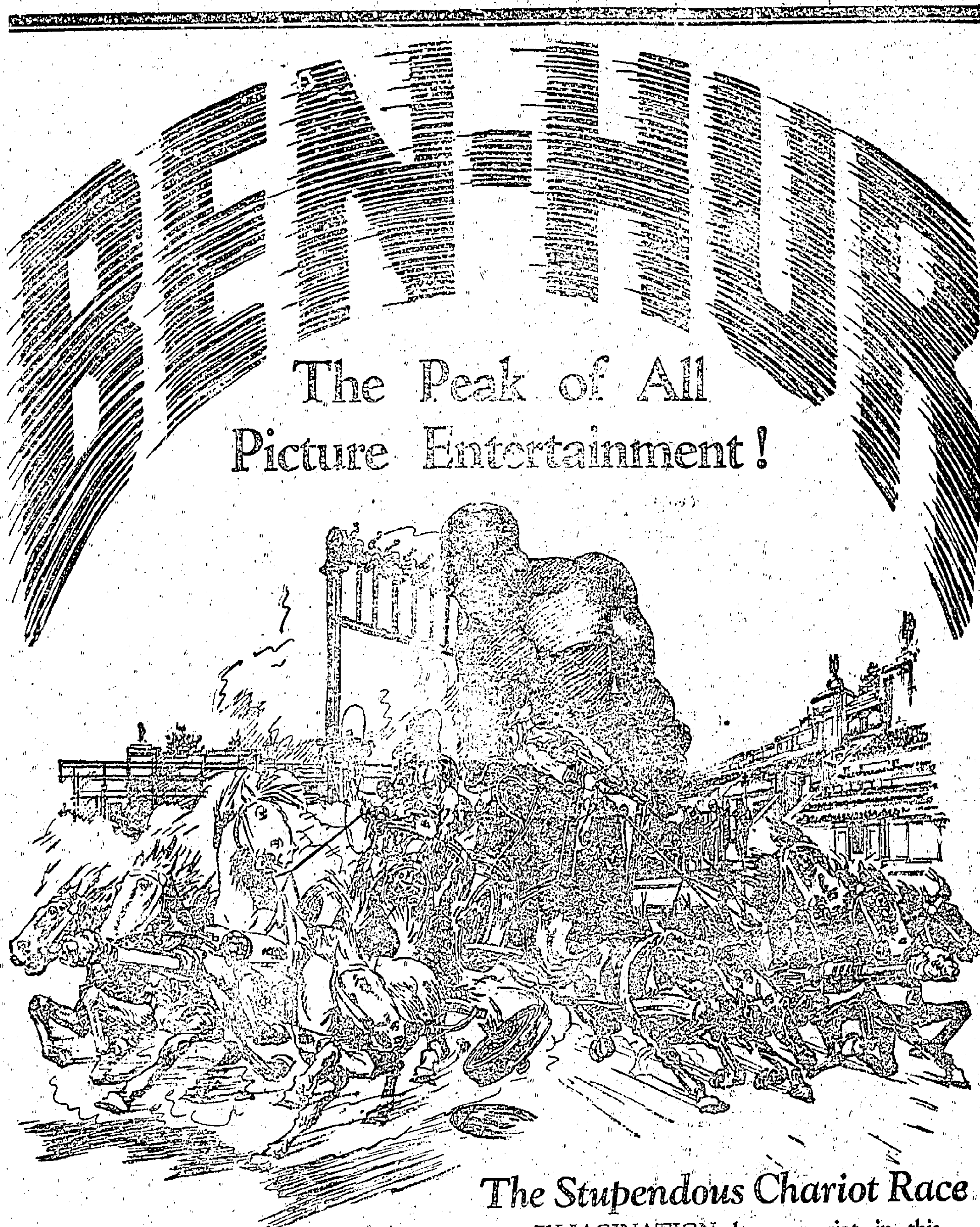
"One of his chief delights was to sail a little boat on the Mersey. It was a favourite sport with boys of my day, and Smith was the leading spirit in all our expeditions. He was full of daring as he always has been. Once we saw him making for the open sea in his little boat, and he disappeared out of sight. We had a terrible fright, but after two or three hours' absence he returned quite nonchalantly. When we asked him where he had been he said, indifferently, 'Oh, just looking around.'"

"He was a fine runner and played an excellent game of Rugby. The year before he left for Wadham College, Oxford—it was in 1890—he practically carried our pack of forwards on his back."

Lord Birkenhead has not lost his fondness for games. Recently he visited the Rugby match between New South Wales and the combined Cheshire and Lancashire team, which was played at Birkenhead.

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PROSPECTS AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

LIGHT BLUES FANCIED AGAIN.

Judging from the form displayed by the crews in the Trial Eight the authorities at Oxford and Cambridge seem to have plenty of talent from which to select their crews for this year's Boat Race, which is to be rowed on Saturday, March 31. The Trial Eight crews this year, both at Oxford and Cambridge, were very much stronger than for some years past, and this was in no small measure due to the fact that Blues were included in the crews. At Oxford A. M. Hankin, P. W. Murray Threlkeld, and N. E. Whiting, three Blues, were in the losing crew, whilst at Cambridge R. J. Elles, who stroked Cambridge to victory this year, led the winning crew; whilst R. Beesly, another Blue, was in the losing boat. In both cases there were very fine races, W. S. Llewellyn's crew winning at Moulsheld by a quarter of a length, whilst R. J. Elles's crew were successful at Ely by a length.

The Oxford Prospects.

Mr. T. W. Shaw, the Oxford President, took advantage of the few extra days of term, to have an eight out for practice at Oxford. All of the members of the crew in the Trial Eight, and W. S. Llewellyn (Eton and Balliol), the winning Trial Eight stroke, led the crew. It will be remembered that Llewellyn led the last Oxford crew practically throughout the practice and until ten days of the Boat Race, when he was prevented from rowing by illness. All rowing enthusiasts will hope that he will be more lucky this next time, for he is rowing very much better than twelve months ago. He has a much better length and rhythm, and is not so hard to follow as last year. Except for the President, T. W. Shaw, exchanging places with P. W. Murray Threlkeld for one outing the crew has rowed unchanged and so far a place has not yet been found for A. M. Hankin (Broomsgrove and Worcester), who stroked the Dark Blues last April and is Secretary of the O.U.B.C. He rowed in the losing Trial Eight crew. P. W. Murray Threlkeld (Eton and Christ Church), who rowed bow in the losing 1926 crew, has been rowing No. 5, whilst N. E. Whiting (Radley and Worcester), who rowed bow in the 1927 crew, was rowing No. 7, a position he also occupied in the Trial Eight. M. C. Graham (Shrewsbury and Magdalen) who stroked the losing crew has changed over to bow, and should retain that seat permanently. He rowed No. 3 in last year's Trial Eight, and so has had experience on both sides of the boat. H. B. Arber (Charterhouse and Wadham) and R. N. McCulloch (Sydney University and New) are two other oarsmen who took part in the 1926 Trial Eight, but did not find a place in the 1927 crew. They have their opportunity this time, for both are displaying good form, and they helped considerably towards their crew's victory at Moulsheld. Other oarsmen who are likely to get extended trials when the crew re-assembles are H. C. Morphet (Geelong and Brasenose), G. M. Brander (Edinburgh Academy and Exeter), G. E. Godber (Bedford and New College), J. C. K. Marshall (Shanghai and St. John's), J. D. Barbour (Shrewsbury and Brasenose), and L. C. R. Balding (Radley and Brasenose).

The Light Blues.

Although Cambridge have not yet had a crew out, there is an optimistic feeling on the banks of the Cam that the Light Blues will gain their fifth successive victory next March. Certainly rowing at Cambridge has never been in a more healthy state, and this was evidenced by the fact that no fewer than fourteen eights rowed from Cambridge to Ely to see the Trial Eight recently. Mr. J. C. Holcroft, the President, turned out two very fine Trial Eight crews, and he has requested most of them to go into residence in order that he might start practice. The President will have two other Old Blues to call upon, R. J. Elles (Marlborough and Trinity Hall), who led last year's crew to victory, and R. Beesly (Oundle and First Trinity), who rowed No. 4 last year. J. B. Collins (Eton and Third Trinity) should have an extended trial in the middle of the boat, and looks like proving a good succession to J. B. Bell, as he turns the scale at 14½ stone. The old Shrewsbury stroke, J. C. H. Lander (First Trinity) ought to win a place in the crew as he continues to display good form and did much good work at No. 5 in the winning crew recently. However, he may find a seat more in the bows of the boat. One of the outstanding successes of the Trial Eight was M. H. Warriner (Harrow and First Trinity), who



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KENT AIR ROPEWAY.

COURT OF APPEAL REFUSE TO PROHIBIT CONSTRUCTION.

The Court of Appeal held that the Tilmanstone (Kent) Collieries, Ltd., were entitled to construct an aerial ropeway to carry coal seven miles from their colliery to ships lying in Dover Harbour.

They dismissed with costs the appeal of the Southern Railway and the East Kent Light Railway, who opposed construction of the ropeway.

It was stated that by using the ropeway the colliery company would save 1s. per ton in carriage. Lord Justice Greer said it was no use a mineowner getting coal to the surface if other people's land intervened between the mine and a market, and the coal could only be got across that land at a prohibitive cost.

rowed well throughout and ought to do well in the middle of the boat. There is likely to be keen competition for the bow seat between R. A. Symonds (Bedford and Lady Margaret), E. Norman-Butler (Eton and Third Trinity), R. G. Michell (Shrewsbury and Caius), and C. E. Wool-Lewis (Westminster and Third Trinity). Butler and Michell shared the bow positions in recent crews, but Wool-Lewis was in the winning crew in 1926 and afterwards was given a trial in the Cambridge crew. Other candidates for places are A. A. F. Haigh (Eton and King's), the losing Trial Eight stroke, and N. M. Aldous (St. John's, Leatherhead, and Selwyn). A. L. Sulley (Denstone and Selwyn) had been asked to take the coxswain's seat.

OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.

Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Denys the Dreamer."

CHAPTER XXIV.

Mrs. de Burgh remembered how Dash had howled in the night, bayed the moon, as she had thought. She had not been able to keep him quiet. He must have known when she did not that all was not well with Benta. Yet her maternal love ought to have warned her before the dog.

The wind was on the front of the house. It was a hurly-burly. Outside the branches were lashing together and the slender trees writhing in the blast. Windows were rattling in their sockets and the doors straining on their hinges. Somewhere in the interior of the house doors banged.

Glancing into their old quarters, she thought the rooms looked cold and neglected, although they had been occupied only yesterday. There was certainly something strange upon the house; so soon sadness and desolation had descended upon it.

The kitchen was empty when she reached it. The fire was made up in the grate, and a kettle was nearly boiling. On the table stood a row of covered dishes, and a tray was neatly arranged with cups and saucers for tea.

She looked at these preparations in amazement. Then she noticed that the kitchen slave stood among the other things. On it was written in a large, illegible handwriting:

"You must not sleep here another night. I am going for help."

So, they had the house to themselves. She was not sure that it was altogether pleasurable. She looked over her shoulder as she laid down the slate. All those empty rooms and the cellars, and nothing living in any one of them except herself and the poor helpless child upstairs. She felt that she must run back to Benta and lock the door upon the two of them, and not venture forth again.

Poor Mrs. Cronch! What help did she propose to seek? It was a long way to any habitation. And, poor soul! it was not safe in this gale. The trees would be down. It had come on to pour with rain. It would be heavy and dangerous walking, and Mrs. Cronch was short of breath and heavily built. It would be the end of the snow. With the snow gone the kindly neighbours would come to their help. They could escape from this house, the terrors of which seemed to be closing in about them.

"You must not sleep here another night!" What did Mrs. Cronch mean by that? Was it likely in the circumstances that they should sleep anywhere but here? Poor Mrs. Cronch! It would be terrible if any mishap befell her, the poor, kind, faithful creature! What devotion to go out into such weather to serve them. And why should they not sleep there? Did Mrs. Cronch know any reason? She would have defended them with her life if needs be. Had she any knowledge or conjecture as to what had befallen Benta?

As she went back through the house, where the wind was whistling and crying eerily in a strange chorus of noises, she saw through a window that the sails of the windmill were loose and revolving at a great rate. The old mill would break itself to pieces one of these days. The wind must have tremendous violence, to judge by the motion of the sails.

As she looked there was a scream, a scream as of someone in agony. The wind, of course. What hideous sounds it made! What tortures it counterfeited.

On a second thought she went back to the kitchen, gathered a number of things she would need, and carried them upstairs. She noticed that the lamp was not ready for lighting on a table outside her door, and that there were two full scuttles of coal. Mrs. Cronch had looked to their comfort before she went out on her wild expedition. Poor Mrs. Cronch! She prayed nothing might befall the poor-kind creature.

Somewhat, she was afraid of the house. It was strangely dark for the hour of day. The shadows of the clouds, lashed by the wind, scurried up the walls as though they were the shadows of living things, fleeing from pursuit.

She was glad to get back to her Ladyship's wing and to the safe shelter of her own room. She had locked the door of communication, had turned the key on the outside of all the doors that opened on the corridor. When they were safely locked in she felt as pleased as a child who imagines his bed a stronghold round about which the jungle roars.

Benta, looking very pale but much more herself, smiled at her bravely when she came in.

"Oh, mumsie," she said, with an air of immense relief. "I was not sure it was you coming till Dash jumped his tail for you. I was very lonely for you when I woke up."

"The house is very gloomy," said Mrs. de Burgh. "I can imagine how it is that those old unoccupied houses rot so quickly. You remember the convent in Picardy from which the nuns had been expelled. It had been empty only two years, yet it was dreadful, death and decay taking back all that had been so bravely held for hundreds of years."

"Remember," Benta said, with a little shudder.

"Mrs. Cronch is gone out. She left a note on the kitchen table to say she was going."

"In this weather?" Benta asked, turning on her pillow to look at the wild sky.

"Yes—Mrs. de Burgh hesitated as to whether or not she should show Benta the letter; she finally decided against it for the time being."

"She has left us everything for our meals," she went on. "Even the lamb is ready, and there is a supply of coals. We need not go foraging for ourselves."

"We are alone in the house."

Again Benta's eyes were dilated. "She will be back again. I think she thought you wanted a doctor, and went in search of one. I would have prevented her if I had known; it is not safe for anyone to be out in this weather. She was gone when I went downstairs."

She did not ask any questions about what had frightened her girl. Better let it alone till Benta was ready to talk.

She moved about the room tidying it, replenishing the fire till it burnt up brightly, setting a white cloth on the table, talking about the picnic they were going to have, as though Benta was still a picnic-loving little girl. The simple, homely things steadied her nerves as they steadied Benta's.

"Mumsie," said Benta, watching her from her pillow, "if a doctor should come—I don't suppose Mrs. Cronch will be able to get one, but if she should—he will come in a motorcar. Do you think we could ask him to take us back to Dunlop, or somewhere where we could be taken in? I don't want to sleep here another night."

"Why, surely!" Mrs. de Burgh responded. "We can just take whatever we can carry in a suitcase, and send for the rest of our luggage when we get settled in somewhere."

"Then we needn't come back here any more."

Benta's face brightened perceptibly. "That is for you to choose. I don't think we shall come back."

After they had had lunch and washed up Mrs. de Burgh had a thought.

"We ought to light the house before dark," she said, "else we shall not like going down through the dark house to open the door when the doctor comes, and Dash ought to have a run. The courtyard will be screened from the wind. Do you feel like the expedition, Benta?"

Yes, Benta did feel like the expedition. She shuddered and turned a little white as they went past the rooms from which the faint sickly smell came as though something dead lay there.

The courtyard, sheltered as it was, was littered with branches and leaves. Everything was wild and desolate and sudden with the rains. The snow had all but disappeared. Benta insisted on going out with Dash despite her mother's alarm, saying that she must breathe, and that she would rather have the storm than the house. However, she came back almost before her mother had time to be anxious. She kept looking back fearfully over her shoulder as she came, running.

"Let us go in, darling," she said, in a hurried voice. "I will tell you what has happened when we are safely inside."

Her breath came jerkily as she spoke, and she pushed to the hall door behind them with a clang.

"There is a light in the windmill," she said, "in that upper window between the sails. There was the most horrible groaning as though somebody had been hurt. I ran back because I was afraid. But I know we ought to go and see if anybody is there needing help."

"You did not go near enough to see?"

"No. I was a coward and ran back, though I think Dash wanted me to go on. Oh, mumsie, I know we must go and see. I have been trying to remember all the great deeds I have ever heard of to give me courage, but I am a coward. And there was the mewling of a cat. That frightened me, too. But I think I can face it now."

STANDS SCOTLAND WHERE IT DID?

RHINELANDERS FIND IT IN SUSSEX.

An amusing blunder is perpetrated by an important daily newspaper published at Essen, Germany in recording the passage of an army of brown rats on the outskirts of London.

"An army of many thousands of brown rats," says the article, "driven out of their homes by the overflowing River Lea, was seen to travel from Edmonton to the Forest of Epping, in Wales."

"The rats completely covered the streets. Cyclists were compelled to dismount. Only heavy lorries could make any progress."

"The last time a giant migration like this took place was in 1899, when, according to a report made on December 21st, to the Trent Fishery Board by its clerk, Mr. F. H. Heald."

The report contains letters from the representatives of the two beet-sugar companies who discharge effluent into the Trent, in which details are given of extensive measures taken and processes adopted to purify the effluent. One company drew attention to the great expense involved, and expressed the hope that the Fishery Board would be appreciative of the company's efforts.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

The following are the replies to today's questions:

1. A song of praise, written to a dance measure, commonly used of the songs celebrating the Christmas festival. 2. Not the front, extends the water in the pipe and bursts them, but the damage does not become apparent until the thaw. 3. Fleets of boats fixed to the sides of locks. 4. Fleets of boats fixed to the sides of locks. 5. Fleets of boats fixed to the sides of locks. 6. St. Francis of Assisi. 7. The Muses of France, from which comes the name of the French language. 8. The Muses of France, from which comes the name of the French language. 9. A small, wild, untamable hawk. 10. A small, wild, untamable hawk. 11. The Muses of France, from which comes the name of the French language. 12. The Muses of France, from which comes the name of the French language.

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with you. How dark it is growing! The wind and the sails of the windmill were making such a noise. I wish the storm would die down."

"It will go on till morning," said Mrs. de Burgh, her hand on the door-handle. She was looking at Benta.

She had told her story of her last night's experiences, shaking and weeping as she told it, and her eyes yet kept the dilation of fear, of someone who sees in anticipation dreadful things.

They had taken some time to the lighting of the house, and while they stood there the sun dropped behind the purple cloud.

"It was the sun shining through the windmill," Mrs. de Burgh said. "I saw it like that once, and thought it was firelight, till the sun fell and the fire went out with it."

"Come and see," Benta said, dragging at her hand.

They looked from the window of the "drawing-room." There was certainly something that seemed like a light showing between the sails of the windmill, blurred and broken by the streams of rain.

"I am sorry I ran back," said Benta, in a humble voice. "I ought to have seen if anyone needed help. I am ashamed of myself."

While they fumbled at the lock of the hall door, a difficult one, that sometimes would not open at once, they heard a welcome, wonderful sound, sweeter than any music. It was the hooting of a motor horn. It was in the courtyard before they could open the door. A man ran up the steps in a streaming oil-skin and sou'-wester—the doctor. Behind him came Anthony Napier.

"I have brought Dr. Vowles," he said. "Your servant came to me a couple of hours ago. I came as soon as I could get away and find the doctor. Now what has happened? It is a relief to see you both sound and well. The woman frightened us."

"Something has happened, out there, by the windmill," Benta said. "I was out a little while ago, and I heard someone groaning. I'm afraid I was a coward. I ran back to my mother. But we were just going back again when you arrived."

"There is a light in the windmill," said Mrs. de Burgh. "It is very mysterious."

"Let us see who is hurt," said the doctor. "We can take one of the lamps from the car. The ladies had better not come in this storm. The two men went out together."

(To be continued.)

BEET EFFLUENT POLLUTION.

EXPERIMENTS FAIL TO PURIFY IT.

RIVER MENACE.

Following on the conviction of a beet-sugar firm, the effluent from whose factory polluted the waters of the River Trent, and the campaign against threatened pollution of the River Wyre by similar means, extensive experiments have been carried out for some months with a view to finding a satisfactory system for the purification of the effluent.

These experiments, however, have been attended with little or no success, according to a report made on December 21st, to the Trent Fishery Board by its clerk, Mr. F. H. Heald.

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What Samples Revealed.

"It should be noted," Mr. Heald comments, "that these conditions have arisen in spite of the fact that during the greater part of the past three months almost constant abnormal high water conditions have prevailed."

Samples of water were taken from the process-water ditch above the outfall, the wash-water pool near the outfall, and the joint effluent below the drain bridge of the first company. These were examined by experts, whose reports show that the remedial measures undertaken by the first company have not been successful.

Extracts from the reports on the three samples, which are highly technical, state that in the case of the first sample "this is an extremely crude effluent," in the second, "this is also a very bad effluent, and its entry into a river in more than negligible quantity would, in my opinion, be serious pollution," and in the third, precisely the same comment.

This report is signed by Dr. J. B. Firth, D.Sc., F.I.C.

Another report on similar samples is given by Dr. H. S. Holden, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.I.S., Director of the Department of Industrial Bacteriology at University College, Nottingham. Dr. Holden conducted interesting experiments with live fish, noting their behaviour in the suspected water.

"Doomed Fish." In the "Process-water ditch" sample, "a drench roach made a few convulsive darts round the tank, then turned on its side. It was dead in four minutes. Post-mortem and chemical examination showed that the causes of death were lack of oxygen in the effluent and active poisoning due to the presence of sulphuretted hydrogen."

A similar fish, introduced into a sample of effluent diluted with twice its volume of tap water "showed evidence of disturbance," turned belly upwards in fifteen minutes, and died in 25 minutes.

In the second sample a similar fish died in the undiluted effluent in seven minutes, and in the diluted sample in 40 minutes. In the third case the fish died respectively in 9 and 32 minutes.

Experiments were also carried out with freshwater shrimps, and in the same circumstances these fish died in 1½ and 7 minutes, 3 and 20 minutes, and 2 and 11 minutes.

"In my opinion," the report concludes "these effluents constitute a most serious menace not only to fish life but to their natural food. Even when diluted they are of such a nature that their effect is continuously toxic over a considerable period."

Similar experiments were conducted with samples taken from appropriate points in the apparatus of the second company. The results were similar, except that death took place after a slightly longer time in each case.

The freshwater shrimp was used in the experiments in addition to the larger fish as it is one of the natural foods of the river fish—roach, gudgeon, &c.

"From these reports," Mr. Heald concludes, "it would appear to be obvious that the measures which have been adopted have been of little or no value in the direction of effluent purification, and it is respectfully submitted that in neither case does it appear that there has been a real attempt to deal with the pollution of the river from these sources."

HANKOW ROBBERY EPIDEMIC.

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treasure boxes. Upon these being given up the three employees were also forced to join the policeman who had also been augmented by the cook in the manager's room. One of the robbers remained at the door covering them.

His companions lost no time in getting busy and opening the safe and boxes, gathered together \$7,500 in silver, \$2,000 in Shanghai notes and \$1,000 in foreign notes with one shoe of syce "equivalent" to \$50. However, in their search the band overlooked a box which they thought was empty and in this there was \$1,500 silver and 48 shoes syce valued at \$2,400. There was also in the safe \$8,000 worth of Central China Bank notes but these the robbers deliberately left behind scattered about in the safe.

Ransacked in Fifteen Minutes.

While the three armed men were working downstairs another two went up to the first floor which is occupied by the Tai Kee Commission Agents. Here they rounded up those found on the premises comprising two employees and two boys and herded them in at the point of a pistol into a bedroom.

The search upstairs netted in \$450 in notes and silver. The robbery was very expeditiously carried out for both floors were ransacked within fifteen minutes. No shot was fired during the proceedings and then the men carried out a hasty withdrawal, with the plunder they had acquired.

CLAIM AGAINST MILLINER.

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His Lordship:—Goods received in mistake?

Mr. Armstrong:—Yes. Continuing, Mr. Armstrong said the goods were received through a bona fide mistake and they were certainly not liable for damages above the cost price. They also said, with regard to the counter-claim, that the goods intended for the defendant, which were sold to her by an agent in London and arriving at about the same time as the first lot of goods, were received by the plaintiff, not by mistake, but intentionally. The result was that the defendant received the plaintiff's goods and the plaintiff received the defendant's goods. In the former case it was a bona fide mistake and in the latter an intentional mistake.

Settlement Refused.

Shortly after the writ was issued, an offer was made by the defendant to the effect that it was a mistake and she asked to settle it by the difference of invoice prices. That offer was refused and as a result they were compelled to come to Court, much against the will of Madame Sarraut, in order to satisfy the plaintiff's claim, which they would endeavor to show was not really justified and was not made bona fide.

Madame Sarraut said the five parcels were addressed to "Madame Sarraut, Hongkong." She had no idea that the goods were not intended for her, so she put them in her stock and had sold some of them.

Replying to Mr. Hugh Jones, Madame Sarraut said the majority of the goods had been sold. She had received other goods from the agent.

Defendant said she did not know that previously Mr. Backhouse had ordered goods in the name of Madame Sarraut. She herself was the only buyer.

Mr. Hugh Jones commented that Madame Sarraut was a partner in the business, and although she knew that a dissolution was pending, yet she apparently ordered the goods in her own name.

The agent of Messrs. Thos. Townsend and Co., London, said that when the goods were ordered his firm gave credit to Madame Sarraut personally.

Replying to Mr. Hugh Jones, witness said that he held himself responsible for the goods and guaranteed payment. The draft had not been met and they were looking to Madame Sarraut for payment. He knew that Mr. Backhouse had nothing to do with the goods.

His Lordship remarked that 25 per cent. on the invoice prices seemed to be fair. He gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$1,000, with costs, on the claim, and for the defendant on the counter-claim for \$223.50 and costs concurrently.



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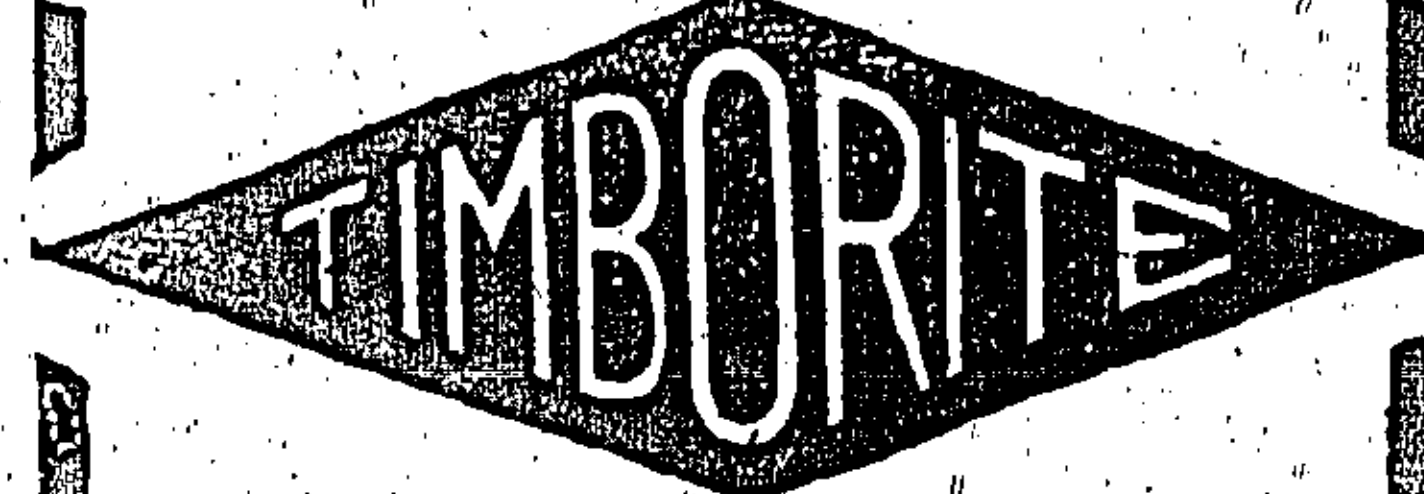
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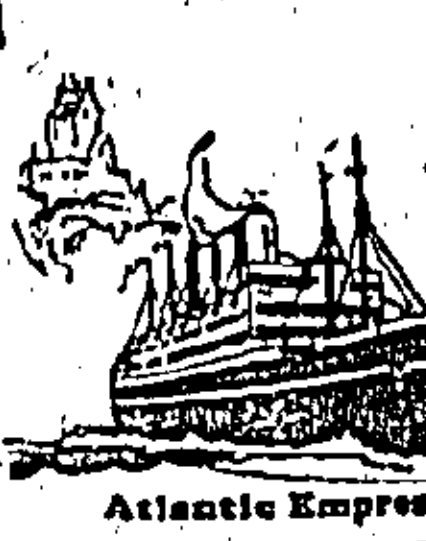
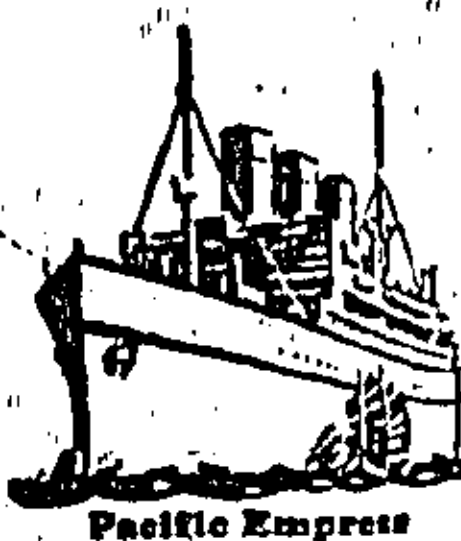
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MACAO'S HOPES.

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[By a Hongkong Visitor.]

In the catalogue of exhibits issued by the Harbour Works Authorities at Macao in connexion with the Photographic and Art Exhibition inaugurated on Sunday, there appears a sketch map of Macao and over it the caption: "New Port in Portugal's Ancient Colony: Opportunities for commercial and industrial development." In the foreword of the booklet over the initials "C. A."—of the Director of Port Works Department, Mr. Carlos Alves, explains that the exhibition has for its purpose three objects: First, Macao propaganda; secondly, the stimulating of photographic art; and thirdly, the collection into an album of scenes, monuments, customs and social activities of Macao and the Far East.

As regards the second and the third objectives of the promoters of the exhibition it has attained its purpose. As regards the first, it forms part and a no mean effort in the scheme of arrangements in connexion with the laudable and justifiable ambition of Macao to promote its commercial and industrial development.

An Ungenerous Stigma.

For long struggling under the stigma which its less generous visitors sought to attach to Macao as a colony subsisting entirely from revenue derived from vicious sources, the administration of the Portuguese colony since the days of the enlightened government of Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues has been making bold bids to outlive this unenviable reputation. The biggest effort, from the point of view both of its magnitude and cost, has undoubtedly been the construction of the new or, as it is also called, the outer harbour. With the completion of this great public improvement the Government has imposed upon itself the task of attracting notice to the advantages of Macao as an outlet for the products of South China by reason of its contiguity with the wealthy agricultural district of Heungshan and the riverine ports of the West River delta. Sunday's art exhibition is just one of such attractions. It was conceived by the officials in charge of the propaganda at Macao—Mr. Carlos Alves on the Portuguese side and Mr. J. M. Braga on the English side.

Hongkong's Co-operation.

The results of the exhibition exceeded all expectations. His Excellency the Governor, who performed the opening ceremony, promised at its true worth the invaluable co-operation secured from Hongkong, without the assistance of which the standard of success would have fallen much below its high mark. To the large number of exhibitors and visitors from Hongkong, Senhor Barbosa returned Macao's grateful thanks. A fitting appreciation of the expert duties of the judges was tendered to Mr. C. H. Blason.

Major H. L. Wright and Mr. Sameda, all of Hongkong. Three water colours—"Hongkong in 1854" and "Praia Grande, Macao, in 1824 (2)"—exhibited by Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Hongkong—deservedly attracted a great deal of attention. The section from Peking collected by the Portuguese Minister to China, Senhor Joao de Blanchi, is hard to beat.

Public Improvements.

In the extended programme of public improvements for Macao, it was gathered in the course of an interview kindly granted by the Governor on Monday, two schemes are of outstanding importance. One is the large pier in the new harbour and the second, which is even more important still, the projected waterworks. The new pier will be of a length of 400 ft. and will shorten the distance from the Hongkong for steamers on the daily run by at least twenty minutes. This is no small consideration especially to excursionists who wish to complete the trip in quick time. Contract for the new pier has been let and work already started.

The waterworks scheme has not been quite so far advanced, but enough has been gathered in the course of conversation with the Governor at Macao to establish the fact that when the works are completed the inhabitants of Macao will enjoy the benefits of a constant and independent water supply throughout the year.

Like Hongkong, the population of Macao is going up by leaps and bounds. Not so many years ago, it was below the 80,000 mark. The census taken last year showed the population had increased to about 150,000, just about doubled itself.

Paradoxical as it may appear the revenue of the colony has dwindled in an inverse ratio. It is, however, capable of explanation, when it is stated that the Macao Government is determined to live up to its obligation in the matter of the total extinction of the opium trade.

Drastic Retrenchment.

To meet the colony's reduced revenue, the Governor since his assumption of office at Macao a little over a year ago had to pursue an unpopular policy of drastic retrenchment in the salaries of the public service and in the abolition of certain offices and the co-ordination of others. With the satisfactory result that, while not impairing the efficiency of the public service, Senhor Barbosa has succeeded in reducing the cost of the administration by \$150,000 a year. Nor is this all. The garrisoning of the colony, always a thorny problem, is going to cost Macao less by \$140,000 a year commencing from 1928. The aim and purpose of the present administration is to seek to balance the colonial budget with the aid of revenue derived from rates and taxes, and licences and other sources of internal revenue.

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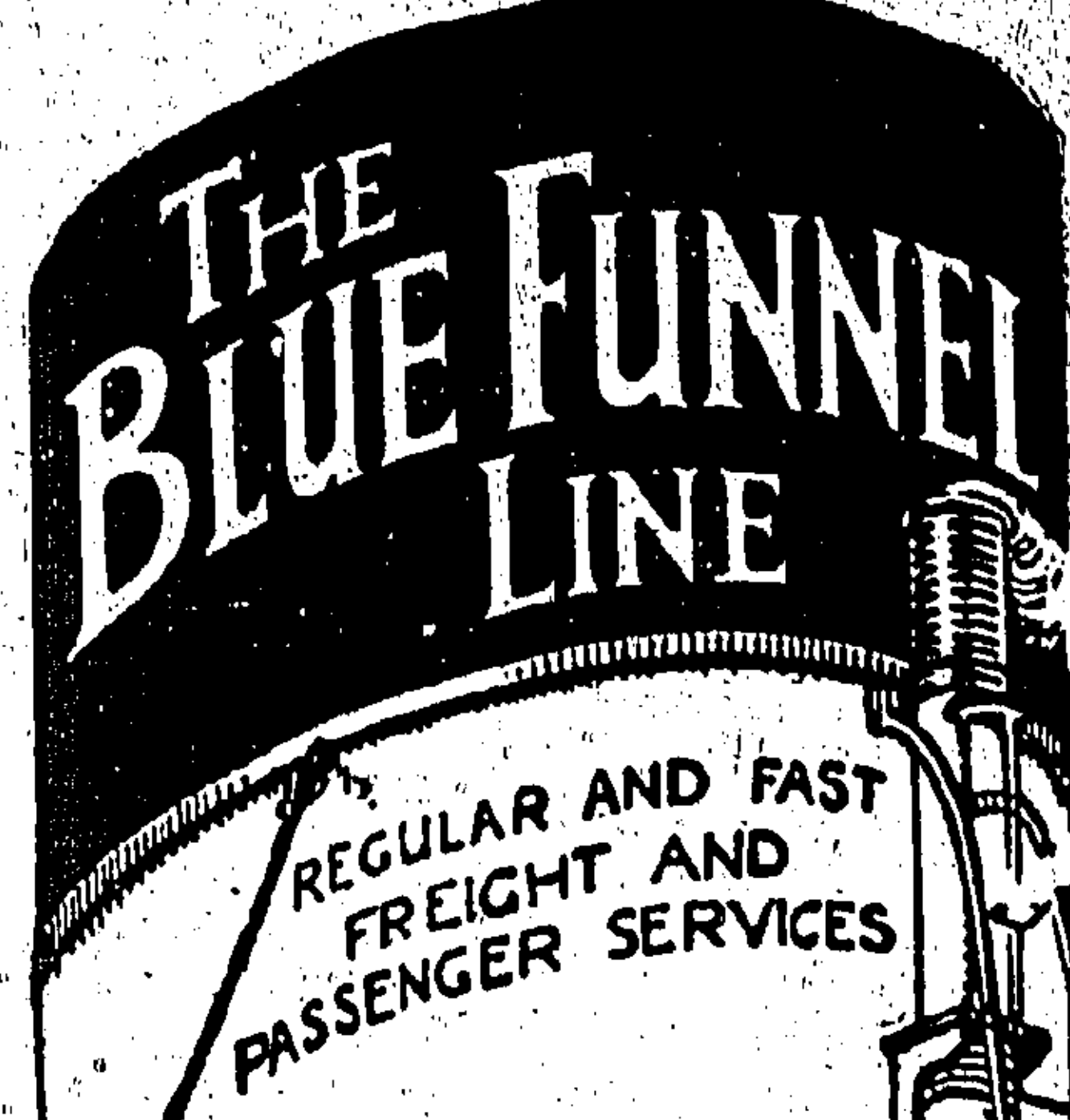
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According to the latest reports from Wuchow, the Tai Hing is still hard aground five miles above Dosing.

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Shekhi, with Macao much is expected in official quarters by way of commercial and industrial development. All products and manufactures in the hinterland of Macao will henceforth find an outlet seaward by way of Macao. Motor lorries laden with perishable products and merchandise will reach Macao over the new road and approach the new pier in the outer harbour. Cargoes thus carried for export from their places of production will be discharged into steamers direct for Hongkong or other destinations. From this point of view alone the outlook for the commercial and shipping development of Macao has never appeared brighter.

All well-wishers of Macao will echo the fair aspiration of its Governor when Senhor Barbosa concluded his inaugural speech at the opening of the Art Exhibition on Sunday that there exists in Macao a wish to progress and in her aspirations Macao desires to live in harmony with the neighbouring friendly cities and to maintain feelings of cordial relations that have subsisted for so long a time.



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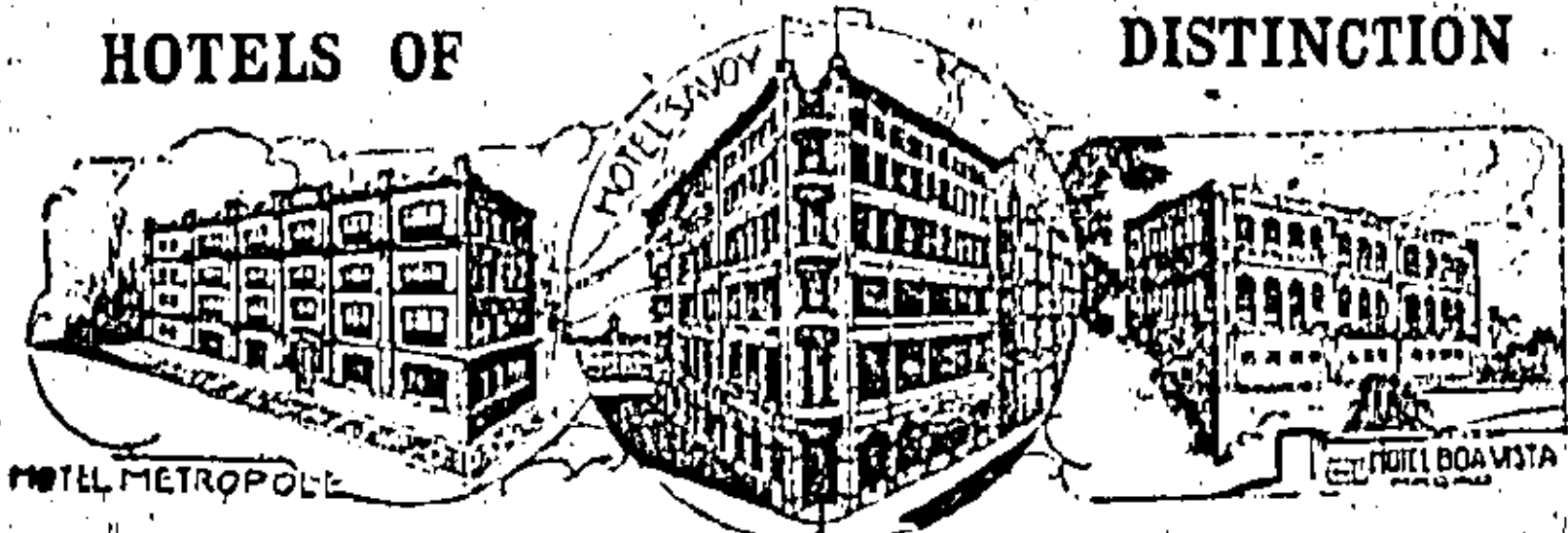
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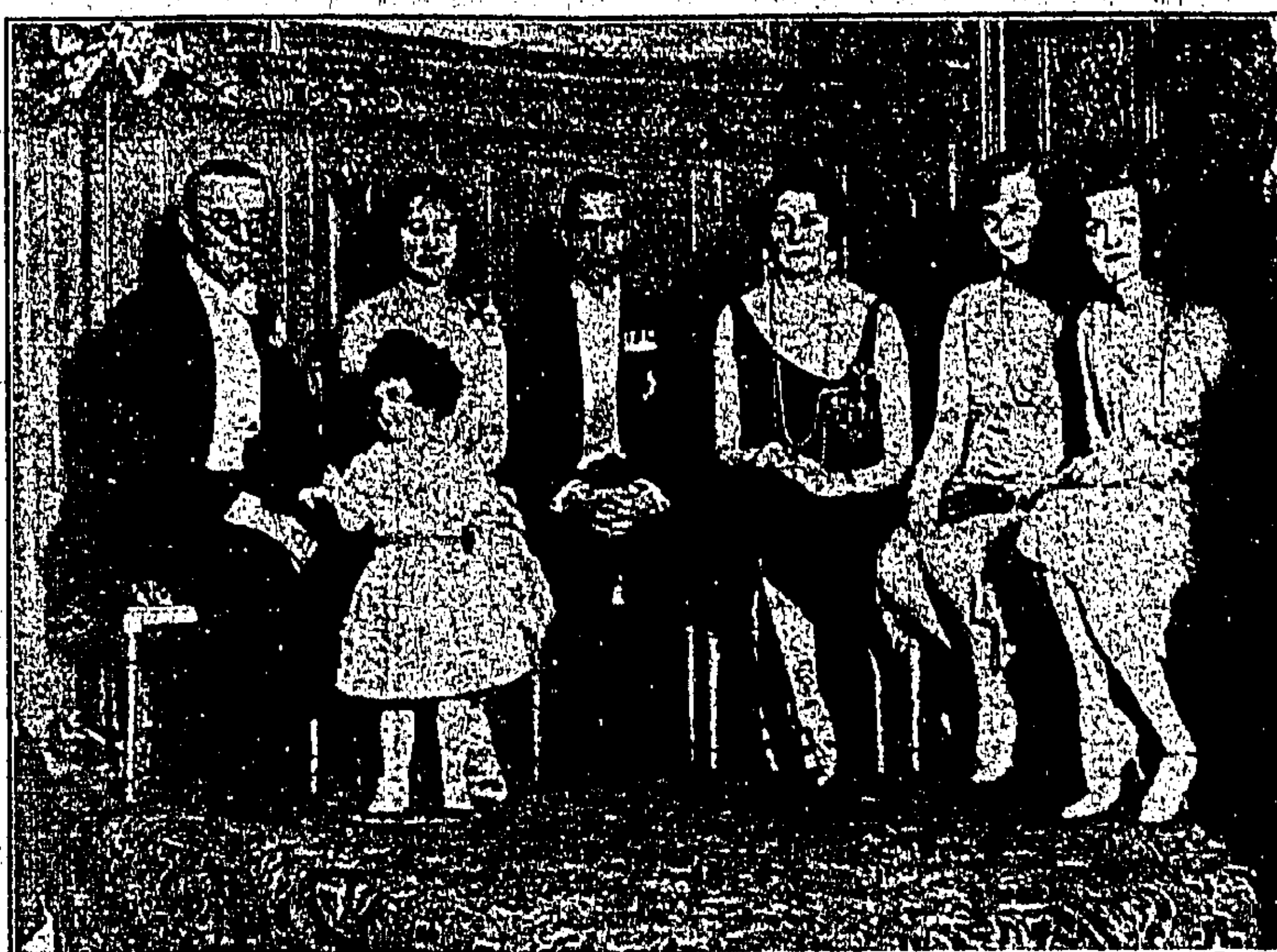
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Wonderful scenes were witnessed at the Princess Elizabeth Hostel Ball at Claridge's Hotel, where the Duke and Duchess of York witnessed a procession of beautiful Society women carrying life like dolls in imitation of themselves. Photo shows the Duke and Duchess on the platform from which the doll parade was judged, together with the Duchess of Sutherland, Viscountess Curzon, Miss Gladys Cooper and Mr. Leslie Henson.

THE BURNS CULT.

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW
MEMORIAL.

CHANGING CUSTOMS.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the Scottish bard, and in honour of the occasion Hongkong Scotsmen are holding a "Burns Night" dinner at the Volunteer Headquarters, at which the toast of "The Immortal Memory" will be proposed by Mr. Robert G. Shaw.

The question as to whether Burns Clubs are becoming "too respectable" was recently raised by Sir Robert Bruce, president of the Burns Federation Conference at Derby. He said:—"The belief that there was something vulgar about association with a Burns Club has gone. Gone also in large measure is belief in the allegation that the annual celebrations were more concerned with the drink than the devotion to the 'Immortal Memory.' Tam-o' Shanter would find himself in ungenial company at some of these modern festivals—even perhaps at our annual Federation luncheons—for these latter for two years now have been run on a teetotal basis. (A Delegate—"Shame," and laughter.) It is to be hoped we are not becoming too respectable."

Sir Robert attributed the change of customs in some degree to the fact that women were now members of Burns Clubs, and had even formed clubs of their own, but he claimed that Federation policy had been the chief factor in lifting the cult out of its old reputation.

"The cult is now moving forward shoulder to shoulder with all those other agencies that are tolling for the social amelioration of the people. It is the realisation of the poet's ideal, that brotherhood of man, that we are reaching after. We want that among ourselves in industry; we want that socially; we want that in our international relations. And it is coming yet for a' that! Just think how the poet would have been thrilled by that part realisation of his dreams in the League of Nations!" As evidence of the spread of the Burns cult, he said that at Canberra, the new capital of Australia, it was proposed to erect a memorial to the poet.

"We have had amazing evidence of a Scottish literary revival, and never since the days of Ferguson and Burns has there been so wide-spread an interest in the vernacular. Among good friends of the movement there has been some apprehension lest broadcasting should become a serious menace, flooding the country daily as it does with spates of the spoken word of standard English. Personally, I have not looked upon broadcasting in that light any more than I have regarded the daily newspaper as a menace. On the contrary, I believe that we might eventually get very considerable practical assistance in our campaign for the preservation of a knowledge of the vernacular from the broadcasting."

To this end he had been in communication with Sir John Reith, director-general of the British Broadcasting Corporation, who sent a message stating that he considered the B.B.C. should endeavour to broadcast, in the form of plays of otherwise, the type of Scottish speech, which was both beautiful and descriptive, and which might be described as "literary Scots." "Local patois," for example, so-called Glasgow speech, is a travesty of the real thing, and is not a matter for

pride," Sir John declared, adding, however, that it was difficult for the B.B.C. to get plays or other literature in the form desired.

Nobler Memorial Proposed.
A nobler memorial to Burns than the mausoleum which enshrines his ashes at Dumfries was proposed by Sir Robert Bruce. He suggested that the mausoleum should be embodied in the new memorial, for which an appeal should be made to Scotsmen the world over.

Dr. Joseph Hunter (Dumfries) said the mausoleum was the mecca of Burns pilgrims, and should be preserved in the greater memorial which was proposed. The marble statuary inside the mausoleum was crumbling away, and would have to be replaced.

Sir Robert Blair (president of the London Burns Club) supported the suggestion for a world-wide appeal.

The question of the new memorial was referred to the executive.

Sir Joseph Dobbie (Edinburgh), who was born at Alloway, was elected president in succession to Sir Robert Bruce, who, on completing four years as president, was presented with an illuminated copy of Burns's songs.

The Conference decided to meet next year at Aberdeen, whose delegate said that a flag day was being held there that day in aid of the local Burns Club's efforts to raise £1,000 to endow a cot in the Aberdeen Infirmary. He read a telegram from the secretary stating:—"Cot flag-day taking Aberdeen by storm. Streets not deserted. Citizens responding liberally."

To a delegate who wished to condemn Mr. John Buchan for saying that Scotland had only produced one great genius—Sir Walter Scott—the president replied, "There are some things which are better left alone."

The Conference, attended by 160 delegates from all parts of the country—some even from the United States—was followed by a luncheon. The luncheon reverted to the earlier tradition, for it was not "T.T."

The Significance of Burns.

Commenting on the Federation discussion, a Scottish journal remarked:—"Legends, it is true, die hard, and it may be that the fame of Burns is still associated in some minds with common frailties, a love of Scottish drink, fallen since on evil estate, and implacable warfare with the 'uncle' gaid. But among the more serious sort the significance of Burns and his work has long been dissociated from the incidentals that so 'ticked the ear of the groundlings.' His burning eloquence, his passionate rebellion against spiritual and social tyranny, and his intense, often humorous, realisation of the common humanity—these are the aspects of his work which retain a perennial freshness and significance. Tam o' Shanter, as Sir Robert Bruce told the Burns Federation Conference at Derby, would find himself in ungenial company at some modern festivals, and would certainly look in vain for such a 'southern cross' as his immortal Souter. The Federation, however, possibly with a realisation that the Bard was becoming a too unreasonably respectable institution, has reverted this year to a time-honoured tradition of hospitality, while conceding no inch of its ground on the more weighty aspects of the Burns Cult. This Cult, as Sir Robert Bruce remarked, has emerged from the shadow of an old reproach, and is now moving forward shoulder to shoulder with all those other agencies that are tolling for the social amelioration of the people." How far these

EXCITEMENT AT HANKOW.

HANDLING OF GRENADES CAUSES EXPLOSION.

FATAL INJURIES.

The neighbourhood of the Customs House at Hankow was, on the 10th inst., the scene of wild excitement for a short period during which everybody fled from the immediate neighbourhood.

The cause of the excitement was a loud explosion which occurred shortly after three o'clock. Coolies working in the vicinity and others without stopping to observe the cause fled in every direction, and some who had observed soldiers present shortly before came to the conclusion that a first class battle was about to be staged for the possession of Hankow.

The reality, however, proved to be an accident which occurred possibly through careless handling of a number of hand grenades. A number of soldiers were on duty unloading these from a truck, and one is reported to have let one drop. This may or may not have caused the original explosion, and closer enquiries are being made into the matter by the military authorities.

Enquiry will be a difficult matter as one soldier who apparently was carrying one or more bombs in close proximity to his abdomen was eviscerated as a result of the explosion. The other was so seriously injured in his lower limbs that there is small hope of his recovery.

Excitement died down very quickly after it was discovered that the affair was one of pure accident, and the wounded man was removed to the hospital. Later information indicates that the cargo that was being unloaded were Stoke's mortar shells; this would account for the severity of the wounds inflicted.

agencies have succeeded, how far the haunting dread of poverty has been removed, with fear, injustice, and ignorance, are matters that might thrill the poet, could he appear to-day, no less than "that part realisation of his dream in the League of Nations." Much has to be accomplished before his ideal of the "Brotherhood of Man" is fulfilled, but Burns himself would be the first to acknowledge the really extraordinary progress that has been made. Another aspect of the Cult is manifested in concern for the Doric. Here too the movement has borne fruit, and it is pleasing to note that the B.B.C. has sympathetically considered a suggestion for the broadcasting, in one form or another, of "literary Scots," though some difficulty in getting plays or other literature in the desired form is remarked. In concluding his address to the Conference, Sir Robert Bruce brought forward a proposal which will doubtless arouse great interest, both in this country and among Scots societies in America and elsewhere. An appeal, it is suggested, should be made for a nobler Burns memorial, to embody the mausoleum which at present enshrines the poet's ashes at Dumfries. The mausoleum is stated to have fallen into decay, and is not a worthy memorial to one whose memory draws men and women literally from the ends of the earth.

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